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Humboldt, land of 8,400 grows

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – Two marijuana-related research projects were unveiled as the Board of Supervisors considered marijuana regulations, one quantifying the number of outdoor and greenhouse grows in the county and the other focusing on prevalent plant virus infections.

During the board's Jan. 12 meeting on a draft commercial medical marijuana ordinance, Van Butsic, a faculty member of the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at UC Berkeley, gave a presentation updating



Van Butsic

changes and his study found that there were 8,400 grow sites in the county as of 2012 to 2013, the most recent period for which clear satellite imagery is available.

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supervisors on an often asked about subject – the quantity of outdoor and greenhouse grows in Humboldt County.

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The mapping effort encompassed a random sample of 62 of the county's 112 watersheds, which hold 4,200 grow sites

on 1,725 parcels and a total of 300,000 plants. Individual greenhouses were counted as single sites and Butsic said that a total quantification of twice the sample size can be "pretty safely" extrapolated.

The resulting estimate of 8,400 grow sites and 600,000 plants is probably conservative, as the data are a few years old and more sites have likely emerged.

Butsic also reported that 70 percent of the sites utilized newly-built or unimproved roads, 20 percent were within 500 meters of streams and 200 sites were

CANNABIS ❖ A4



GREEN RUSH Jonathan, a local grower who asked to remain anonymous, trims a strain of cannabis called F-Cancer.

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❖ MCKINLEYVILLE CRIME

Mack Town menace jailed

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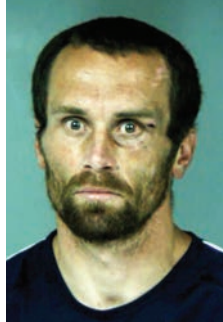
MCKINLEYVILLE – Jason Balke – who has a long rap sheet that includes stabbings, thefts, robbery, assaults, drug possession, shoplifting and public intoxication – was recently a free man walking the streets of McKinleyville, much to the horror of local residents.

Balke's release from jail on parole Jan. 5 lit up the McKinleyville Community Watch Facebook page, with residents wondering how the violence-prone menace could be let loose in town.

But by Thursday, Jan. 14, Balke was back behind bars. The troubled 35-year-old, who has a penchant for booze and meth, was released from jail 10 days earlier on the condition that he enter into a drug rehab program within four days. According to the Sheriff's Office, that didn't happen.

Balke was arrested Thursday, Jan. 14 on Park Road, where he was living in a tent, for violation of his probation. Residents are now hoping that Balke stays locked up and will no longer victimize the people of McKinleyville.

BALKE ❖ A4



Jason Balke

Arcata's recycling center to shut down

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – The city for whom waste diversion is almost a spiritual journey will soon be without its own recycling center.

Rick Paul of Eel River Resource Recovery (ERRR) told the Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) that it is closing its Arcata collection center, the Arcata Resource recovery Center (ARRC) located at 10th and N streets. It will be shuttered at the end of January.

"With the low customer count, it's just not economically feasible to continue those operations," Paul said at the monthly HWMA meeting. The closure leaves Arcata residents with the choice of driving to Humboldt Sanitation in McKinleyville, the ERRR Samoa Processing Facility or HWMA's Eureka Recycling Center to drop off their recyclables.

"Overall, it's unfortunate," said Mark Andre, director of Environmental Services. "It's nice to have as many avenues as possible, for convenience."

He said the ARRC closure will not impact Arcata's curbside recycling program, and may help it by making it harder for thieves to steal material from recycling bins. "We have a lot of theft," he said. "Hopefully that will diminish." The constant theft of recyclables such as aluminum cans "eliminates the best quality recyclables," Andre said. The less theft, "the better the payback for customers who pay for that system."

The drop in oil prices has suppressed the value of plastic recycling, while the slow-down of the Chinese economy has reduced overseas demand for commodities, hitting recycling markets hard.

Andre said the city enjoys a 70 percent solid waste diversion rate, and hopes to meet a state mandate to increase it to 75 percent by 2020 with further reductions in paper, construction and yard waste, and installation of a food digester at the city Corp Yard.

Arcata's fire chief to step down

Fire service vet Cowan leaves at end of June

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT

ARCATA – Arcata Fire District Chief Desmond Cowan announced at the Jan. 12 meeting of the district's Board of Directors that he will step down from the position of fire chief at the end of June.

"I've given this a lot of thought and consideration and this is the right time to hand over the department to a new leader and allow me to spend more time with my family as well as continuing to work in this great community," Cowan stated.

Cowan noted that he has served for 25 years with the Arcata Fire District after starting his career with CalFire in 1986.

"I'm very proud of the many accomplishments we have made in the last few years. The Arcata Station is complete, the McKinleyville station is under way, and we've made numerous improvements to the way we operate," Cowan stated.

Board Chair Linda Sundberg said, "There is always an end to a good thing. Under Chief Cowan's leadership, the districts goals have been met and we've had many positive accomplishments. Cowan has been very committed to an organization that a very large sector of the Humboldt County community. Moving forward, the Board of Directors will immediately launch the process of hiring a new chief, to make the transition as seam-



AT YOUR SERVICE Arcata Fire Chief Desmond Cowan, third from left, will step down in June. In this photo, Arcata Fire crews are assisting with a fire in Eureka. At left is Tim Citro, who is now with Humboldt Bay Fire, but was a volunteer with Arcata Fire. In the middle is Arcata Volunteer Firefighter Jeff Schwartz and at right is Arcata Fire District Asst. Chief John Davis (white helmet).

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less as possible for the district. We wish Chief Cowan and his family the best and thank him for his many years of service."

The board expects to have a new chief in place before the start of the new fiscal year in July.

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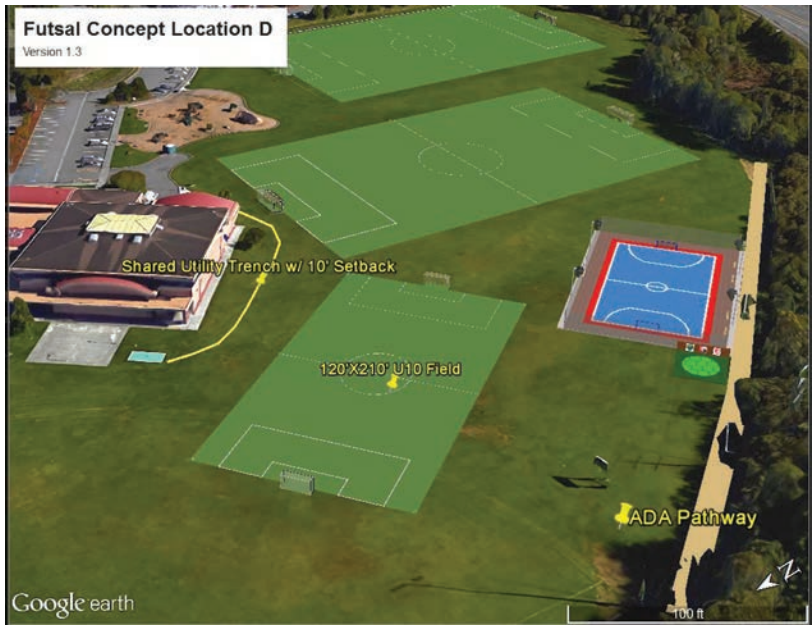
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| Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday | Thursday, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m. | Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka | <i>hbmwd.com/meeting-schedule</i> |
| Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday | Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. | Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka | <i>humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</i> |
| Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday | Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. | Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila | Tree planting, tsunami drill <i>manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm</i> |
| McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday | Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. | Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville | Integrated Pest Management Plan <i>mckinleyvillecsd.com</i> |
| McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday | Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. | Azalea Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville | <i>humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ</i> |
| Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday | Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. | Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad | <i>trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html</i> |

Trio of grassy grassroots projects gets initial greenlight



NESTLED IN THE FIELD A conceptualization of the proposed futsal court, the blue field on the right, at the Community Center.

Community Park futsal court sent to City Council

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — An anonymous benefactor wants to give the gift of futsal to Arcata. The new futsal court would be installed amid the soccer fields at the Arcata Community Park.

Futsal is an “urban derivation” variant of soccer played on a court that is about 20 percent larger than a tennis court. It includes quick rotations, with five people per side.

The unidentified donor would pay the court’s entire \$300,000 or so cost, leaving Arcata responsible only for future maintenance expenses.

But there’s a major, non-negotiable condition attached to the offer, and it could be a deal breaker.

Kirk Cohune of the Arcata-based planning and project management firm Greenway is representing the futsal advocate. Cohune discussed the proposal with the Parks and Rec Committee last Wednesday night, Jan. 13.

The idea for a futsal court originated with the Mad River Youth Soccer League, which brought it to Greenway. A rumored donor then surfaced through the Humboldt Area Foundation, though his identity remains unknown, even to Cohune. “I know his gender; that’s it,” Cohune told Parks and Rec.

At the meeting, soccer enthusiasts, parents and young people explained the benefits of such a facility. Along with further building interest in soccer locally, the court would be part of a global futsal tradition of “pick-up” games. Players can go to just about any country with a soccer infrastructure and jump right into a futsal match, even if they don’t speak the local language.

“You could have 60 or 70 players out there,” said Mad River youth Soccer League Director of Coaching Phil Rouse.

Cohune said that in essence, Arcata is getting the right of first refusal on the free futsal court,

but that if Arcata hesitates, it will go to Eureka. “The donor’s concern is the slowness of Arcata,” Cohune said. “Eureka is lined up very nicely for a project on the waterfront. It’s all systems go there.”

The condition

The facility could be all systems go in Arcata too, but for a non-negotiable, two-part condition set by the donor: that there be no reservations required nor fees charged for use of the court — ever.

“A futsal court would be amazing and would be used,” said Arcata Recreation Supervisor Mike Rice. “That’s not an issue.”

The issue is unintended consequences, or unanticipated conundrums. Concerns aired by committee members included the possibility of conflicts between user groups either monopolizing the court, or assuming they have priority over other users.

Also, in-line skaters or other forms of recreation that use a flat surface could take over the futsal court for their purposes. Larson Park tennis courts are sometimes used for soccer and in-line skating, leading to confrontations with tennis players who show up to use the courts as intended.

Rouse said that’s a good reason to go ahead with the futsal court. “It will get all the soccer players off the tennis courts,” he said. Cohune said futsal players have no legal place to play, and have been ejected from Humboldt State’s Redwood Bowl.

Paul Swenson of the Humboldt Pick-Up Soccer group said it’s understood that no single club can monopolize the court. “We don’t feel that we have special rights,” he said.

The court would have signage specifying the no-reservations rule, and that only futsal may be played there. It would have lighting and be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. The lights would go out at 11 p.m.

Committeemember Steve Martin wondered whether there was any flexibility. He suggested that perhaps after 10 years,

Arboreta could offer living memorials

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — At last week’s Forest Management Committee (FMC) meeting, Chair Michael Furniss unveiled his idea to create “Arboreta for Arcata.”

Under the proposal, trees in Arcata could be dedicated to individuals for a fee, just as various benches, bricks and tiles around town are now.

The arboreta plan would give people an opportunity to memorialize not just individuals, but a number of life milestone events. “It could be birth, retirement, coming of age, anything,” Furniss told the committee.

He sees the living memorials as a low-impact method for satisfying the human need for rituals while further bonding people to the natural environment, honoring nature and creating another small revenue stream for the city.

Locations could include the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, dikes, donated lands and possibly sites such as the wooded area below Phillips House Museum. Existing trees could become memorial trees, or new trees could be planted. In the future, the city’s rehabilitated and replanted Jacoby Creek rock quarry might be considered for use.

The resulting revenue could help with tree planting and maintenance of city landscaping as well as education outreach.

Trees initially designated for arboreta use could include redwood-related species such as *Cupressaceae*, including the *Taxodeaceae* family, as well as all 16 native California cypresses and others from around the world.

Arcata’s coastal location, which is somewhat shielded from the effects of climate change, offers an optimal site for the perpetual living memorials, Furniss said.

The FMC approved of the idea in concept, and Furniss will next present it to the Parks and Rec and Open Space and Agriculture committees.



C SECTION Of four proposals, Concept C satisfied most of the desires of stakeholders. IMAGE COURTESY GREENVIEW PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Greenview Park Project narrows options, gets huge lift from Wildberries

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — With about \$100,000 in commitments in hand, the Greenview Park Playground Project is well on its way to raising the \$300,000 it needs to transform the presently bleak pocket park on Lewis Court into an all-ages, all-abilities inclusive wonderland.

Last week, the project’s principal advocate, Dan Bixler, continued outreach with citizens in meetings at Wildberries Marketplace and at the Parks and Rec Committee. Sunday night saw another movie night fundraiser at the D Street Neighborhood Center.

The group reached consensus on Concept C (see above) as satisfying most user needs. It offers an expansive playground,

puts the gazebo feature close to the street for police accessibility, gets the basketball court away from the back area and neighboring houses and still leaves a substantial greenspace at the back.

The project got a huge lift from Wildberries Marketplace, which has pledged \$25,000 in matching funds. In addition, the city may be able to provide grant funding.

“It sounds like we won’t have a problem getting to \$300,000,” Bixler said.

The California Conservation Corps has committed 30 volunteers to work on the park for two weeks. “A lot of people want to get their hands dirty, which is great,” Bixler told Parks and Rec.

A new, Wildberries-branded, thermometer-style sign is soon to rise at the park entrance, tracking fundraising progress.



OUTREACH Dan Bixler of the Greenview Park Playground Project met with citizens at Wildberries Marketplace and at the Parks and Rec Committee last Wednesday, answering questions, taking comment and building support.

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the city could tally any issues and go back to the donor to see about modifying the terms.

Cohune said he had corresponded “at length” with the donor and created “four or five” usage scenarios, but that the no-schedule, no reservation condition remained immutable. “At the end of the day, there’s a donor condition,” he said.

Were Arcata to agree to the donor’s condition and then run into problems down the road, it could be left without recourse. “We’re not sure that the no-reservation

thing is good forever,” Rice said.

Cohune said that if approved, a formal design would be created, soils tested and a regulatory compliance review undertaken. Approvals would be needed by the City of Arcata, Coastal Commission and possibly even Caltrans, given the court’s proximity to State Route 255 and U.S. Highway 101. He estimated that the court could be up and running in a year and a half.

Julie Neander, deputy director of Environmental Services, said staff isn’t qualified to make the de-

cision, and that the matter will go before the Arcata City Council as soon as next month.

Neander called the proposal “A wonderful opportunity,” since the space has few other practical uses. But, she cautioned, any decision is a permanent commitment of land and future upkeep.

“This becomes what we choose,” she said. “We want to ventilate all the issues.”

Parks and Rec approved the proposal in concept, and sent it along to the council.

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Supes strive to dodge lawsuits

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – The county’s Board of Supervisors has made several key decisions on regulating medical marijuana production, including setting permit thresholds on existing grows and conditions for allowing new ones.

Supervisors also agreed to ban new and expanded grows in timberlands, a move that is likely to prevent litigation.

A draft version on an ordinance regulating production of commercial medical marijuana was considered by supervisors at extended meetings held on Jan. 11 and 12.

During the first meeting, supervisors considered permit conditions for existing grows. Two versions of the ordinance were considered.

The first was a staff-recommended version that generally sets 2,000 square feet or larger as a grow area requiring conditional use permits and public hearings.

The second version, approved by the Planning Commission, goes beyond that, scaling grow areas to parcel sizes and ultimately allowing the maximum one-acre grow area allowed by new state law on larger parcels.

In a straw vote on how to deal with existing grows, a majority of supervisors decided to set 5,000 square feet as the maximum under a basic ministerial permit. Under special use permits, which involve noticing neighbors, grows of up to 10,000 square feet will be allowed and grows larger than that will require conditional use permits.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell said that since all the permit types involve inspections and performance standards, environmental impacts will be reduced from the “baseline” or current conditions.

“That’s why I have a really hard time feeling a concern that we’re not doing something good for the environment – I feel that we’re doing something really good for the environment by putting these standards in place,” she continued.

Board Chair Mark Lovelace was the only dissenter in the straw vote, saying 5,000 square feet is too big to be allowed under ministerial permits.

Supervisors then considered permitting of new grows. Again compromising between the staff version and the Planning Commission’s draft, supervisors set 10,000 square feet as the maximum size allowable under a ministerial permit.

The size threshold is based on a limiting condition – start-up grows will have to be located in agricultural and other areas designated as “ideal sites,” with slopes of 15 percent or less. A majority of supervisors approved that, with Lovelace and Supervisor Virginia Bass dissenting.

During the discussion, Supervisor Ryan Sundberg asked why grow sizes of up to an acre cannot be allowed if the ideal site areas are well-suited for agricultural use.

Senior County Planner Steve Lazar described mari-

juana as an unconventional crop. He said marijuana will effect “a magnitude of agricultural activity” that is beyond the current norm and “to that effect, some caution is probably warranted.”

During the Jan. 12 meeting, supervisors set restrictions for generator use and decided on thresholds for indoor growing, manufacturing and processing.

They decided to allow indoor operations of up to 5,000 square feet in heavy commercial and industrial areas under ministerial permits and up to 10,000 square feet under conditional use permits. In agricultural areas, indoor grows of up to 5,000 square feet will be allowed but only in existing structures and without manufacturing and processing.

Supervisor Rex Bohn pushed for allowing bigger indoor operations, saying that the county’s numerous abandoned lumber mill sites are appropriate for them.

“I’m reluctant to say that marijuana is the new redwood but it’s something that we’re gonna have to look at if we’re going to create jobs,” he said.

Fennell disagreed, saying that she doesn’t want over-production of marijuana to lead to the “boom and bust” cycles that the county saw with the timber industry.

Other supervisors agreed that former mill properties should be considered for indoor operations under a master plan that would identify sites and include a full Environmental Impact Report. Bohn was the only dissenter in the straw vote on indoor production.

Supervisors then considered one of the ordinance’s most controversial aspects – how to deal with timberland owners who want to start new grows. Representatives of environmental groups have said allowing new grows in timberland areas would be illegal and fair game for lawsuits.

During the earlier discussions, Bohn noted that three-acre conversion areas are allowed within Timber Production Zone (TPZ) areas and the draft General Plan Update defines agriculture as an allowable use within them.

But Lazar said that with the basic type of environmental review being done for the new regulations, marijuana growing needs to be “tempered” due to the potential for cumulative impacts. Supervisors unanimously agreed to ban new and expanded grows on TPZ parcels and others with timberland zoning designations.

They also decided to set a permit application closure date of Dec. 31, 2016, noting that another application period can be opened through action of the board.

The emerging ordinance is considered to be a first step. Supervisors emphasized that a more thorough process done under a full Environmental Impact Report will follow this one and the county’s laws will probably change as marijuana continues to enter the mainstream.

Supervisors will finish deliberations on the ordinance at their Jan. 19 meeting and are targeting Jan. 26 as the date to approve it.

Drunk driver gets 7 years

Struck pedestrian, who died of head injuries

MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – A man who was driving drunk and struck a pedestrian, who later died, on Samoa Boulevard in front of Richards’ Goat in Arcata last year has been sentenced to seven years in prison.

Donald Watts pleaded guilty on Dec. 17 to a single count of vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence and also admitted to fleeing the scene of the crime. On Jan. 15, Judge Marilyn Miles sentenced Watts to seven years in prison.

The crimes occurred in the evening of June 8, 2015 in Arcata, when Watts struck 23-year-old Daniel Pudlicki with his truck as Pudlicki was crossing Samoa Boulevard at I Street in the crosswalk.

After colliding with the victim, Watts proceeded along Samoa Boulevard for two blocks, then made a right-hand turn onto K Street. He circled back around the block and stopped at the intersection of J Street and Samoa Boulevard, where he had an unobstructed view of the crime scene.

Watts then turned onto Samoa Boulevard and drove off. Citizens at the scene provided a description of the truck and one citizen

took video of the truck driving away.

Arcata Police Officers were able to relay the description including partial vehicle plate information from viewing the video.

After that information was rapidly shared, a California Highway Patrol officer located Watts within 15 minutes of the collision as

he drove across the Samoa Bridge into Eureka.

Watts displayed symptoms of intoxication and admitted to having consumed alcohol prior to driving.

A preliminary alcohol screening test revealed his blood alcohol content to be 0.14 percent.

Watts was transported to St. Joseph Hospital for a blood draw that was obtained at midnight.

Watts’ blood alcohol content was 0.09 percent over four hours after he hit Pudlicki. A person is deemed under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent.

On July 2, 2015, Pudlicki died as a result of the traumatic brain injury he suffered from the collision.

Friends and family of Pudlicki addressed the court Friday prior to the judge sentencing the 55-year-old defendant to prison.



Donald Watts

SPEECH CONTEST The McKinleyville Lions Club is currently searching for students in the ninth through 12th grades who are interested in participating in the California Lions’ 79th annual Student Speakers Contest. The topic is “Liberty and Justice for all. What does that mean to you?” Speeches are to be five to 10 minutes in length. The McKinleyville club level contests will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. Deadline to sign up is Monday, Jan. 25. To view the handbook, visit the MD-4 Lions Student Speakers website *studentspeaker.md4lions.org*. For information or to sign up to participate, call Cyndi at (707) 839-3768.

Cannabis | Virus attacking cash crop

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Half the sites had more than 1,000 square feet of grow area and about 32 percent of the sites were sized between 5,000 and 20,000 square feet. About eight percent were larger than 20,000 square feet.

The findings will help the county gauge permitting volumes. Butsic said that the board’s newly-arrived-at 10,000 square feet threshold will mean that 20 percent of parcels with grow sites will

need conditional use permits.

Mid-sized parcels from 20 acres to 160 acres are the “meat and potatoes of where the cultivation sites are,” Butsic continued, with larger-sized parcels accounting for fewer grows.

“We see a lot of action on small parcels but they’re typically small grows,” he said. “In the mid-sized category, you see a lot of grows and a lot of larger grows.”

The most common zoning designation on parcels with cultivation is unclassified, which often

includes timberland. Also common are forestry recreation and agricultural zones.

Forestry recreation parcels “are just really incredibly likely to have cultivation sites” when mid-sized parcels are considered, Butsic said.

A different area of research was highlighted during the non-agenda public comment session of the board’s Jan. 11 special meeting on the draft ordinance. The owner of a “non-profit research organi-

zation” called Humboldt DNA told supervisors of a multi-year study on a “widespread virus or viruses infecting cannabis seed and nursery stock nationwide.”

A procedure to address the situation is in development and supervisors were requested to include a research permit in the county’s regulatory structure.

But Supervisor Rex Bohn said the cost of the permitting would be an issue and recommended that the research be supported by the industry’s participants.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell agreed but noted the importance of doing research. She said mar-

ijuana research was discussed at Humboldt State University’s Jan. 8 Business Leaders Luncheon.

The university is “dealing with it on the periphery,” said Fennell, due to a challenging obstacle.

“The problem is that at least for now, we’re dealing with a substance that is illegal on a federal level and with the university being a recipient of federal funds, it makes it a very difficult proposition,” she continued.

Reiterating Bohn’s recommendation, Fennell added, “It will be in the interest of the industry to make sure this kind of research is done.”

Balke | Begs for change, throws sucker punches

❖ **FROM A1**
Balke’s box cutter attack

Residents thought they might be safe from Balke’s criminal exploits after he was jailed last August for stabbing two people with a box cutter.

Balke’s explosion of violence took place Aug. 17 of last summer when Balke knocked on the front door of a house on Park Street in McKinleyville’s Calville neighborhood to ask for a cigarette. A verbal argument ensued with the two residents.

Balke then pulled out a box cutter and slashed at the two males, who were later transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Balke was arrested nearby and booked into the county jail, where he resided until Jan. 5.

The District Attorney’s Office had charged Balke with attempted murder. That charge was later dropped in exchange for Balke agreeing to plead guilty to three other counts.

District Attorney Maggie Fleming explained that “Balke pleaded guilty to one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon, a strike under California’s Three Strikes Law, and to one felony count of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury. He also admitted a special allegation that he caused great bodily injury in the commission of a felony.” The plea deal came after the DA’s Office had discussions with the two victims.

“Overall, available evidence did not allow the conclusion that a jury would find

Mr. Balke guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the attempted murder charge,” Fleming stated. “The allegations arose from events on August 17 of 2015, which resulted in the two victims and Mr. Balke all being hospitalized with injuries. No one else witnessed the events. The uncooperative victim was involved in a fight with Mr. Balke and due to the victim’s lack of cooperation, the issue of who started the fight could not be resolved.”

“Mr. Balke was sentenced on Dec. 8, 2015 to five years in prison, with that term suspended, and he was placed on a grant of formal supervised probation with a referral for drug treatment. His sentence included 180 days in jail for violating probation related to prior drug-related misdemeanors. Under current California law a person receives day-for-day credit while serving time for misdemeanor charges. Thus his 180-day sentence resulted in three months of credit for three months served in custody,” stated Fleming.

“His time in jail between the incident and the sentencing counted toward those 180 days. He was released on Jan. 5, 2016. The suspended sentence in the stabbing case means he will go to prison if he violates any of the terms of his probation, which include going to drug treatment and obeying all laws,” Fleming stated.

After Balke was arrested last week, Fleming said that his future will be determined at an upcoming hearing.

‘Give me the money’

Balke’s stabbing arrest came about three months after he was busted for attempting to rob a McKinleyville gas station with a melon-sized rock.

The mid-afternoon attempted robbery took place at the 76 Gas Station on Central Avenue at Reasor Road. Balke walked into the station wearing a bandanna over his face. Holding a large river rock, Balke walked up to the counter and told the clerk “I need the money, give me the money.”

The clerk, who thought Balke was joking, accidentally locked himself out of the cash register.

Balke became agitated and struck the rock down on the glass counter, shattering it. Balke then became distracted by another customer in the store and turned around. The clerk then grabbed a crowbar and whacked Balke over the head.

Balke took off, and was later discovered in a field near Park Road and B Avenue. He was arrested for attempted armed robbery and for being in possession of methamphetamine.

Violence and theft

Balke’s criminal behavior, at least the crimes that are known and reported, has continued for years.

In January of last year, Balke was arrested on Park Road after he threw a knife at a man, then hit the fellow over the head with a bottle. In December of 2014, Balke caused a disturbance on Central Avenue. When deputies tried to detain him, Balke

threw a punch at an officer and pulled the officer’s hair. Balke, who was intoxicated, was eventually Tazed and booked into the county jail.

In July 2013, Balke was arrested for assaulting his girlfriend. When deputies searched Balke, they found meth and a syringe.

During a stakeout at Humboldt Sanitation in February 2012 in an effort to stop ongoing thievery at the site, deputies observed Balke trespassing at the business. He climbed into a vehicle. When deputies searched Balke, they found meth and syringes.

Balke’s 10 days of freedom

A McKinleyville man, who asked to remain anonymous, said he had seen Balke several times last week. Balke visited a few businesses from which he was banned and was asked to leave. Although compliant with the requests, he did return to the businesses later on, the man said.

On Monday afternoon, Jan. 11, Balke was spotted walking down the middle lane of Central Avenue between Pickett and Gwin roads, yelling and waving his arms around, the man said.

Balke is known to aggressively panhandle people, and then try to intimidate them if they refuse his requests, which is similar to what happened right before he stabbed two people when bumming a cigarette. He has also been known to get in arguments with strangers, then sucker punch them when they are not looking.

As of press time on Monday, Jan. 18, Balke was still locked up in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility in Eureka.

PUBLIC SAFETY

❖ CRIMINAL JUSTICE

County’s jail expansion will focus on rehab

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – As the county prepares for the design and planning phase of a jail expansion project, the heads of the Sheriff’s Office and Probation Department have emphasized that rehabilitation will be the focus of the work. At its Jan. 12 meeting, the Board of Supervisors heard a presentation on the state’s method of funding the addition of a new wing to the county’s correctional facility. But Supervisor Rex Bohn asked for explanation of the project’s goals, noting that there is a misconception that the jail will simply be expanded to house more inmates.

County Sheriff Mike Downey said that the project is part of an overall effort to transfer the state’s parole services to counties and to reduce felony-level incarceration by improving rehabilitation.



Mike Downey

Assembly Bill 109, the state’s public safety realignment law, redirects non-violent, non-sexual felony offenders from the state prison system to county jails. The law is accompanied by state funding for rehabilitation services.

Downey explained the goals of the recently-implemented law. “This is an attempt by the state to give an avenue to help the counties deal with the influx of people that are now on the county level of incarceration or serving their terms,” he said. “What we’re doing is trying to transfer the state system of rehabilitation into the county level in a better way.”

Services that “were once offered by the state have been brought to the county level, so that we can deal with the issues here and deal with them more effectively,” Downey continued.

Humboldt’s hub of rehab assistance is its Community Corrections Resource Center, which is located on Fourth Street in Eureka near the jail facility. The new jail wing’s first floor will replace the current rehab center and house the Sheriff’s Work Alternatives Program. The new wing’s second floor will consist of what’s called a “re-entry facility” for 44 inmates transitioning out of incarceration.

County Chief Probation Officer Bill Damiano said that the jail’s new wing will enhance the delivery of rehab services. Because it will be sited next to the jail, “we can do in-reach directly into the jail and bring people into our programs,” he continued.

“We’ll be able to offer more rehabilitative services to inmates both in custody and out of custody with a more seamless transition,” Damiano said.

The project is expected to take three to four years to complete and will cost \$20 million. Delivery of state funding for it is provided through the California Board of State and Community Corrections and Michael Scott, a representative, said the funding doesn’t follow a grant format but rather relies on incremental sale of state bonds.

Responding to the discussion of rehabilitation, Scott said similar projects are being done across the state and counties who are farther along in the process have already seen dramatic results.

“We’re having counties that are having 95 percent of the people never come back (into the criminal justice system) – that’s just phenomenal and it’s because of programs like the ones you’re doing up here,” he continued.

Also at the meeting, supervisors approved a consent agenda item that raises the wages of sheriff’s deputies over a two-year period ending June 30, 2017.

The wage increase starts at three percent and tapers to two percent starting in July. The agreement also includes increased employee contributions to the state’s retirement system.

According to a written staff report, the cost of implementing the agreement will be \$550,000 over its two-year period and \$155,000 in the 2015 to 2016 fiscal year.

HIGHWAY ACCIDENT On the morning of Wednesday Jan. 13 at approximately 10:24 a.m., Erin Kalb, 35, of Pismo Beach, was driving her 2010 Toyota Rav4 on U.S. Highway 101 northbound approaching the Indianola Cutoff. At the same time, Christina Wilson of Scotia was driving her 2012 Scion while stopped at the intersection of the Indianola Cutoff and U.S. Highway 101. For reasons still under investigation, Wilson drove her vehicle from the Indianola Cutoff into the northbound lanes of U.S. Highway 101, directly into the path of the Toyota Rav4. The front of the Rav4 collided into the driver’s side of the Scion. Both parties were transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Hospital with minor injuries. All occupants were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the collision.

... all up and down the West Coast, there are little towns much like Wakonda. Up as far as Victoria and down as far as Eureka. Towns dependent on what they are able to wrest from the sea in front of them and from the mountains behind, trapped between both. Towns all hamstrung by geographic economies, by rubber-stamp mayors and chambers of commerce, by quagmire time ... canneries all peeling dollar-a-quart Army surplus paint, mills all sprouting moss between curling shingles ... all so nearly alike that they might be nested one inside the other like hollow toys. Wiring all corroding, machinery all decaying. People all forever complaining about tough times and trouble, about bad work and worse pay, about cold winds blowing and colder winters coming ... –from “Sometimes a Great Notion” by Ken Kesey

Ill-fated feints, nimrod imbroglios and a vortex of beer cans

• **New Year’s Eve 12:48 p.m.** A K Street gas station/micro-mart reported theft of two bags of potato chips.
2:04 p.m. A man brought police a bicycle that he had purchased on Craigslist in order to find out if it was stolen.
2:41 p.m. A Cedar Drive care provider made statements about drinking glass cleaner, and was punching and breaking things in the house.

9:02 – 9:28 p.m. Had it not been for the separate, errant acts of a man, and then a woman near the Plaza, New Year’s Eve would have been all but incident free. He pulled a Leatherman tool on a cop and fled into the arms of other cops; she bashed a guy over the head with a bottle, lacerating his forehead, and then scampered, never to be found.

• **New Year’s Day 12:14 a.m.** A party on Panorama Drive attracted hellish high schoolers, and drew police away from the Plaza.

10:26 a.m. An E Street resident reported someone coming in, taking her artificial teeth from the bowl they were soaking in, then leaving with them.

6 p.m. A lad in pajama bottoms and his friend were kicked out of a Uniontown supermarket, but returned for more wacky-tedious hijinx.

• **Saturday, January 2 1:17 p.m.** A Valley West school is the nighttime lair of a man who sleeps on the grounds, leaves cigarette butts strewn about and damaged the lock on an outside electrical outlet.

4:34 p.m. A downtown laundromat user complained of a confrontation with a man all dressed up in a distinctive pants-and-jacket camouflage rig. The foliage-resembling figure had tried to stab the man in the past, but this time expressed aggression by preventing him from retrieving his laundry.

9:42 p.m. A passerby noticed a candle left burning unattended in a downtown shop. A responsible per-

son was called in to snuff it out.

• **Sunday, January 3 11 p.m.** A 12-year-old girl reported that her father had punched her grandmother in the arm, then yelled at her stepmother, preventing her from leaving the house.

• **Monday, January 4 5:52 a.m.** Two young shoplifters were detained at a 13th Street store.

10:27 a.m. Two women loaded up handbaskets of groceries at a Uniontown supermarket and left without paying.

11:21 a.m. A soon-to-be-arrested drunk was reported amid a vortex of beer cans on the deck west of the Marsh Interpretive Center.

12:08 p.m. An equestrian in the Arcata Community Forest noticed that she was being followed by a small calf wearing a blue collar. She wasn’t sure when it had started following her or where it had come from.

• **Tuesday, January 5 10:53 a.m.** A man in tight black pants and a gray hoodie had previously brandished a knife at patrons at a Valley West laundromat. After observing him rifle through a green jacket for 10 minutes, a responsible party wanted police to make him be gone.

1:50 a.m. A jogger on Trail 11 in the Arcata Community Forest happened upon a docile yak grazing along the trail.

1:55 p.m. In Westwood, a throbulent thrum Described as a loud tribal drum Rocked somebody’s brain So they called to complain And ask that a noise-stopper come

5:32 p.m. A man complained that a G Street bank teller had slapped his arm, causing him to drop his cell phone, which broke.

• **Wednesday, January 6 5 a.m.** Three men were seen attempting to break into a taco truck parked at Seventh and G streets. One wore a baseball cap.

8:34 a.m. A loose calf with a collar



Meth, mushrooms & the trappings of misery

• **Wednesday, December 30 4:43 p.m.** On Arthur Road in the bucolic Dow’s

Prairie area on the north end of McKinleyville, a dog killed 16 of a neighbor’s chickens. The dog had escaped from a fenced yard. The owner of the dog plans to make restitution.

8:07 p.m. A vehicle sat at the car wash on Holly Drive in McKinleyville, but whoever was inside wasn’t using any of the services. There was no vacuuming, no scrubbing, no spraying. A deputy made contact and found two occupants, both of whom acted nervous and suspicious. When asked questions, they were evasive. The deputy requested backup, which came in the form of another deputy, as well as a K-9 officer known as Benny. Officer Benny sniffed around and noticed a suspicious odor. A search of the vehicle revealed a zipped pouch containing hundreds of small baggies, a digital scale and a bag containing 20 grams of meth. Deputies also found some Magic Mushrooms, aka Kid Bozo. The driver of the vehicle, Shawn Bartley, was arrested on suspicion of transporting meth.

• **New year’s Eve 10:11 p.m.** A horrific scene unfolded on the 3000 block of McKinleyville Avenue when Jason



Siedel allegedly became brutally violent with his pregnant girlfriend. According to the Sheriff’s Office, Siedel grabbed the woman by the hair, threw her on the ground, kicked her in the face, then grabbed her by the neck, put her in a choke hold and slammed her into a wall. Siedel was later arrested and booked into the county jail on suspicion of inflicting injury on a cohabitant and violating the terms of his probation.

• **Saturday, January 2, 1:14 a.m.** Noah Sideoff was cruising down Central Avenue in the middle of the night, the taillights on his car all busted out and not working, the windshield shattered to the point that it was about to fall out, raining down a thousand blue crystals of glass. The craptastic car was pulled over by a deputy, and Sideoff was found to be on probation. His driver’s license was suspended. Sideoff blamed the broken windshield on his ex-girlfriend, but the Sheriff’s Office suspects he broke it himself. Citation issued.

8:49 a.m. When you’re driving a rolling drug den, it’s best not to cut off a cop car when it’s making a turn. Brandy Tritchler learned this the hard way on Mad River Road. After being cut off

was seen on upper Trail 11. It appeared distressed, but not injured.

10:05 a.m. Multiple campers with tarps were reported along Trail 3 near Fickle Hill Road.

10:33 a.m. Ongoing problems with a mother and her son were reported at Arcata Elementary School. The mom drives 60 miles per hour in the school zone, and when someone confronted her about it, she yelled racial slurs at him. Meanwhile, the boy is “out of control,” and has to be restrained by staff.

11:51 a.m. A Sunny Brae woman said her ex-boyfriend came to her apartment and started pushing her and her friends around. That got him arrested, and the woman declined medical attention.

1:47 p.m. A dog owner from outside Arcata went to the Plaza after hearing that their dog, “Rye It,” had been spotted in Arcata. Rye It is a tan and white pit bull, seen with a person wearing a Carhartt jacket, army backpack and pink/purple mohawk.

2:49 p.m. A weed whacker engine and hedge trimmer attachment valued at \$425 were stolen from the back of a truck on Alliance Road.

8:37 p.m. An employer called to let police know that an employee was about to be terminated due to his negative attitude and drug use. He probably didn’t have weapons, but the caller was worried about an assaultive reaction nonetheless. The employee is “anti-law enforcement,” so the employer didn’t want any cops around during the firing.

• **Thursday, January 7 5:55 a.m.** A Spear Avenue resident reported that her artificial hip had popped out.

10:33 a.m. An electronic scooter worth “a couple of thousand dollars” was stolen from the bike rack area of an I Street store.

11:08 a.m. A man and his dog were attacked at the Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary by a gray pit bull that had “pulled away” from its owner. He was OK but he was taking his dog to the vet.

by Tritchler, a deputy pulled the car over. Both Tritchler and her passenger are on probation with a search clause, so the deputy checked out the contents of the vehicle. Some of the items: a bag with 30 used and unused syringes, a digital scale with brown residue on it, a metal spoon with brown residue and two clear baggies, one with clean cotton balls, the other with cotton balls with brown residue. These sad trappings of a heroin addict’s life landed Tritchler in jail on suspicion of violating probation, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear for warrants and driving without a license.

4:30 p.m. A man on Murray Road in McKinleyville is suspected of hitting his girlfriend three times in the head, stomach and chest, but she won’t pursue charges.

• **Sunday, January 3 9:59 a.m.** Charlie McCollum has a domestic violence restraining order that legally prohibits him from being with a woman who lives on Patrick’s Point Drive in Trinidad. The woman, however, professes her love for McCollum and has tried to get the restraining order lifted. A judge has refused her request, so when McCollum visited her on this day he was arrested on suspicion of violating a domestic violence restraining order and booked into the county jail.

Man arrested for animal cruelty in Arcata

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARCATA – On Thursday, Jan. 14 at about 12:59 p.m., Arcata Police Department received a report of a subject possibly performing CPR on a dog in the area of 10th and H streets in downtown Arcata.

When officers arrived, the dog and the subject had left the area.

Officers conducted an investigation including reviewing surveillance at a local business and saw a subject with a dog on leash. The dog had a pack strapped to his back.

As the dog was walking, it collapsed in the street. The subject was seen dragging the dog across the street by its leash.

The subject then picked the dog up and dropped it on

the ground. The video shows the subject blowing into the dog’s face. The subject then walked away with the dog, which was limping.

Officers checked the area and located the subject and the dog in the downtown area. The subject, identified as Charles Wesley Cole, 56, was placed under arrest on suspicion of felony animal cruelty. The dog was taken to the Sunny Brae Animal Clinic where it received veterinary care.

Cole was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked on animal cruelty charges.

Anybody who witnessed the animal cruelty is urged to contact Arcata Police to give a statement.

OPINIONNews

❖ NHUHSD

High school district updates vax policy

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Seeking to comply with new state vaccination requirements, the Northern Humboldt Union High School District (NHUHSD) last week ratified its revised policy on the matter.

AB277, which went into effect Jan. 1, requires that all public school students be immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis and other communicable childhood diseases. With rates of preventable disease rising again after decades of decline, SB277 closed loopholes by which non-vaccinated students exposed others to communicable disease and compromised “herd immunity” for all.

The bill curtailed “Personal Belief Exemptions” (PBEs) which allowed students to skip vaccination for non-medical religious or philosophical reasons and still attend classes.

Only students whose parents filed PBEs before Jan. 1 may continue to participate in classroom instruction at Arcata or McKinleyville high schools, and only until the end of the school year. After that, they have to be immunized. Students enrolling after July will be required to present up-to-date immunization records.

Medical exemptions may still be obtained, but now only from licensed physicians rather than alternative medicine providers such as naturopaths, as was previously the case. The medical exemptions have to be specific about the nature of the student’s condition, its likely duration and other information, possibly including family medical history.

However, non-immunized students will still receive instruction. The law requires that students with disabilities be provided special education and services regardless of their immunization status. Also, students enrolled in independent study and who don’t get classroom-based instruction may forgo vaccinations.

Despite lingering anti-vaccination sentiment locally, no parents showed up to comment on the revised policy either last week or at the previous meeting in which it was introduced, and it was unanimously approved by the NHUHSD Board of Trustees. That may be because it was only formalizing local requirements of a state mandate.

“It just really tightens things down,” Arcata High School Principal Dave Navarre said. Some parents who told him, “I don’t agree” with the new immunization policy were told that it is state law, but that independent study is an option.

Navarre said a few parents filed PBEs at the last minute, getting them in “under the wire” just before Jan. 1.

The public’s fear of vaccination is stoked by various celebrities, discredited doctors, pseudoscientific websites and non-science based alternative medicine practitioners who erroneously link vaccines to diseases such as autism.

But since the drop in vaccination rates was followed by predicted increases in preventable disease, PBE rates have dropped, and attempts to repeal SB277 via the initiative process have fallen short.

Arcata activism alternatives, illustrated



News item: Activism follows a range of different styles in Arcata and elsewhere – from secretive, adversarial and belligerent approaches to inclusive, friendly and open organizing efforts. If you're picking out a path, take a look around town and do your own count: how many positive features were produced by insults and name-calling, and how many came into being as a result of cooperative community action?

BUYS AN AUTOMOBILE Ed Gillis, the news dealer and merchant, has purchased an automobile formerly owned by Dr. Sinclair of Eureka. It is an 8-horse power Cadillac and will be handy to use for delivering papers, bread, etc. Ed received the machine on Friday.

– Arcata Union, May 26, 1906

SURPRISED THEIR PRINCIPAL The entire 8th grade class of Principal W. Snowden of the Arcata Grammar Schools, consisting of 28 boys and girls, descended upon that gentleman in a body at his home on Friday night, and gave him a genuine surprise party. They came laden with cakes, sandwiches and other good things.

– Arcata Union, June 16, 1906

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Opinion

Follow the TPZ money

Residents of the county owe a debt of thanks to County Planner Steve Lazar and the planning staff for recommending against cannabis grows on TPZ land and for the staff's other efforts to scale down allowable cannabis grow sizes in recommendations to the supervisors relating to the Medical Cannabis Grow Ordinance being drafted.

Apparently some of the planning commissioners are a bit upset by the fact that the staff wants to spare the county the time and expense of a lawsuit that was bound to be filed to challenge the Planning Commission's desire to see cannabis grows on TPZ land.

Why, you might ask, does the Planning Commission want to allow cannabis grows on TPZ land? Could there be an ulterior, self-serving reason? Here's a challenge to our local media to do some investigative reporting on who on the Planning Commission owns significant tracts of TPZ land. Maybe that will reveal the real cause of the outrage.

Thank you, Steve Lazar and the Planning Staff for having the guts to do what was right.

Barbara Kennedy
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Stand for our community

Dear Mayor and Trinidad City Council, Recently, the City of San Diego established that short-term vacation rentals ... providing lodging primarily to visitors and tourists in San Diego's residential zones is unlawful and violates the city's Municipal Code. And, lodging primarily for visitors and tourists is a commercial business and prohibited in all residential zones. It is our belief as well, that non-owner-occupied VDUs are clearly a commercial activity in residential zones here in Trinidad and, as such, they are not only incompatible with residential zones but are prohibited from existing in residential zones. Therefore, these operations are in direct violation of the Trinidad City Municipal Code. The only allowable business enterprise in a residential zone would fall under 17.56.060 of the Trinidad Municipal Code.

17.56.060 Home occupations. Home occupations, including but not limited to sewing, music studios, art studios, home and health care product distributors, bookkeeping, rooming and boarding, or not more than two persons, including tourists, shall be permitted as an accessory use to any dwelling, subject to the following conditions:

- A. No employees other than members of the resident family;
- B. Not more than one sign not to exceed three square feet in area and attached to the dwelling;
- C. No outside display of merchandise;
- D. Electrical motors only, and not to exceed a total of one horsepower;
- E. No radio or television interference or noise audible beyond the boundaries of the site;
- F. No significant increase in automobile, traffic over normal residential use and no trucks of greater than three-quarter ton on the site. [Ord. 166 § 6.06, 1979].

With your support by following this model, and enforcing our Trinidad Municipal Code, we would reinstate our neigh-

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borhoods as communities. We would eliminate the current problem of who can and cannot have commercial non-owner occupied VDUs, aka "Commercial Hotels," in our residential zones, along with all of the city problems that these commercial operations have created: the trashing of our neighborhoods with occupancy overages, noise, trash, dogs and other issues, and monetizing our city resources.

On VRBO [*vrbo.com*] today, there are over 68 non-owner occupied/commercial VDUs in the Trinidad area. These commercial operations range from Patrick's Point to Clam Beach and do not include all vacation rentals offered in the area as this is just one website. These commercial operations do not belong in our Trinidad residential neighborhoods with high density urban and suburban residential zoning laws. They have long been established as problems in Trinidad and incompatible. During the past ten months of the implementation of our VDU ordinance we are no closer to a real resolution for the residents of Trinidad and enforcing the laws has been impossible. Owner-occupied VDUs appear to have a legal and long standing basis in Trinidad as stated here. However, non-owner occupied vacation rentals have no rights in our residential zones. The city allowing this to happen has created a direct detrimental effect on the entire community. This must be changed.

Please take a stand for our community, town and our neighborhoods. Uphold the Municipal Code as written and eliminate commercial non-owner-occupied vacation rentals from our residential zones.

We look forward to your response to our proposal and to your actions and support in regards to your constituents, the citizens and residents of Trinidad.

Kathleen Lake and Tom Davies
Trinidad

Entitlement trouble

The editorial in the Jan. 6, 2016 *Mad River Union* reported inappropriate behavior at the Arcata Plaza, especially at night when the drinking gets out of hand. Creating stereotypes of homeless people is also inappropriate because it brings down condemnation upon those who are blameless.

When reading about loud drunken "bums" into the night at the Plaza, I considered whether I have experienced disrespectful behavior while walking around the Plaza.

One thing noted in the article was a lack of respect and boundaries of men toward women: commenting on women's looks and "a sense of entitlement" toward women's bodies as we walk by the clusters of men in and around the Plaza.

Certainly many or even most men do not exhibit this boorish behavior. But I have noticed some of this around the Plaza even in the daytime. While walking through a gang of men with their dogs filling the sidewalk, I do not like to be treated to comments on my looks, even "you look beautiful" by strangers or ogling by one or two of them.

I have long believed that all mistreatment, both of the casual and the criminal types, will not stop until good men stand up and call out the hurtful and disrespectful behavior of other men toward women.

If I say something, they are just emboldened. But if a man steps up and says something, the perpetrator is embarrassed and will eventually begin to moderate his ill-mannered treatment of women.

I cringe to think what the homeless women have to put up with.

Barbara Palmerton
Arcata

Peace, equality & tolerance

The amount of time and energy devoted to a discussion of the McKinley statue's fate has become comical and another example of political correctness taken to an extreme. Look, folks, basically any public figure's reputation and place in history changes with the passage of time, especially people who are associated with politics and public policy. In Arcata, any such person will predictably lose their luster and become the subject of criticism with the passage of time.

So to shorten this admittedly amusing conversation, shouldn't Arcatans be asking themselves what person or event will remain relevant and historically important over time and thereby maybe justify the expense for constructing a permanent remembrance? (Sell Makey K for scrap, and use the proceeds to pay for filling the largest potholes in town? Roadside signage identifying the repair as a McKinley Fund project?)

Unfortunately, I did hear one idea on the Jan. 14 KHSU [*Thursday Night Talk*] show that actually made some sense, making the desire to enter into the conversation irresistible. Count me in as one more person having an opinion about something that should be a low priority for the city's government.

A caller referred to the treatment of the native Wiyot tribe and theft of the land Arcata now occupies. It was horrendous, profoundly unjust and irrevocable. A prominently placed monument on on the Plaza that acknowledges these acts would provide an honest telling of the town's origins and pay homage to the indigenous tribes that paid a huge price for simply existing on the land on the North Coast we now take for granted.

Everyone can benefit from a dose of humility and a recognition of the importance of taking personal responsibility for our actions. A Wiyot memorial would be an excellent reminder to all who walk the Plaza's sidewalks – regardless of political belief, religion or ethnicity – of the need for practicing self-awareness and to not be complacent about how we treat others.

Peace, equality and tolerance for all will be as important a hundred years from now as it is today. A reminder on the Plaza would be so Arcata.

Sincerely,
Jud Ellinwood
Eureka

Let's restore common sense

"Management actions to foster recovery of the RU2 (snowy plover) population are limited to habitat restoration at a handful of breeding sites, which attracted few breeding plovers this year. Other actions are needed: restoration of high quality breeding habitat ..." These two statements from Paul Mann's "Plovers Pick Up" article and the 2015 Annual plover report are completely contradictory. One is saying plovers are not using these habitat resto-

ration areas (HRAs) the very next sentence says we need more HRAs.

Except for the two years out of the last ten when researchers used speakers to play mating songs, plovers have not nested in the bulldozed area at Little River State Beach. (Fact check: three unsuccessful nests this year.) Prior to the bulldozing, the same area regularly produced several fledged chicks per year. Other areas on the South Spit, Lanphere, Ma-le'l and Manila where extensive HRAs exist we have very, very poor nesting success. Most of them have never even had a single nest. Let's face it, tearing out the naturalized vegetation to "create habitat" for plovers, simply has not worked. It is also time to stop blaming human activity which constitutes a very tiny part of the problem for plovers.

Hopefully the FWS has taken raven killing off the table after significant local public outcry. Fortunately researchers are starting to take more precautions while inspecting nests by having two people looking for nests and one spying for ravens. When a raven is spotted the researchers quickly divert their focus elsewhere to fake out the clever big black bird. That would probably make a pretty funny YouTube video.

Let's be honest, shall we? The three main threats mentioned in this article and still inexplicably identified by FWS, are simply bull poop. In the hundreds and hundreds of acres where we have stripped away the beachgrass we have almost no successful nesting. Ravens and the intelligence displayed by following researchers do not even make the list, and we have so little human impact here it is almost non-existent. In the last six years 2 percent of nest failures were human caused.

It seems as though now the Fish and Wildlife Service is suggesting we build essentially a zoo and design it after the Oregon models mentioned in this article. Some of these Oregon sites use giant tractors to plow the beach every year and lay down a fresh carpet of oyster shells. (I am not kidding.) Then they rope off large areas with symbolic fencing and kill off predators for miles around. By calling it "restoration" it seems to get a pass.

How did we go from the fact that plovers do not use our HRAs, to we need more HRAs so they will use them? We built it. They did not come. It is high time we quit pretending, dig our head out of the sand and shift our priorities. Maybe we could use some of those millions of dollars we have spent trying to artificially create "habitat" for this cute little shore bird and focus instead on getting some of our fellow human beings some shelter.

Uri Driscoll
Arcata

Native Plant Garden thanks

Thanks for the very attractive and accurate little article on the Trinidad Museum Native Plant Garden. It definitely brightened the Jan. 6 Section B!

The volunteers would like to add: we work Monday mornings, 10 a.m. to noon, (weather permitting) and are always happy to have visitors or new volunteers! No experience necessary, we learn on the job. We have lots of tools.

For more information contact: Jill Mefford, coordinator, jillmefford@gmail.com.

Jill Mefford
Trinidad

When you can't see the trees for the pot

At one point in my years of attending County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meetings on the General Plan Update, I felt a sense of optimism that this county would move into the 21st century with a good plan for its future.

Boy, was I wrong. HumCPR did some heavy duty recruiting in the county's First and Second districts and, aided and abetted by the realtors and builders' organizations, gained control of the county government.

Since that time, the supervisors (with the exception of Mark Lovelace) and the commissioners (with the exception of Noah Levy) have been marching staunchly backwards.

There are places in this world where leaders look forward to a future that is different from the past, as futures tend to be. Humboldt isn't one of those places. If, as I suspect, the majority of

county supervisors is intellectually challenged, the planning commission they have appointed is absolutely loony. Back in the day, it was Planning Director Kirk Girard who was perceived by current commissioners as the Great Satan out to destroy the rights of landowners to get rich.

Now they have concluded that the entire planning staff, aided and abetted by their county counsels, is engaged in a conspiracy to keep marijuana growing from replacing timber as our big industry.

The way we lost so much agricultural land in this county was through development of productive farm land into subdivisions. It was well known that many farmers considered converting their fields into rows of houses as a retirement plan.

Now, some TPZ owners are looking to convert their forests into pot plantations for their retirement plan. Forget

trees. Trees are so over. Let's grow pot. Stop worrying about the water and the wildlife.

Marijuana cultivation has experienced a series of booms and busts since its beginnings in the 1970s. We already have ample evidence that marijuana is being grown at the expense of water, wildlife and air quality in forested areas throughout the county.

The idea of tossing away TPZ regulations to promote marijuana grows is short-sighted in the same way that building houses on agricultural land was short-sighted.

Boom and bust economies are built around a single industry. Healthy economies, like healthy farms and forests, require diversity. Good on the Forest Management, Open Space and Wetlands and Creeks committees and the Arcata City Council for speaking up for forests.

Mary Ella Anderson is glad for the rain but could do without the wind.



FASHION BACKWARD Early spring styles. ARCATA UNION, APRIL 7, 1906



BAND OF BROTHERS The Mad River Elite U15 Boys soccer team is a group of 13- and 14-year-old boys who, because of their talent, have been presented with an opportunity of a lifetime. Not only are they the current NorCal Premier League Region V Champions, but they have been invited to travel to Madrid, Spain this summer to play, train and live with players from the El Concepcion Futbol Club. While in Spain, the boys will be immersed in the culture (both on and off the field) and have the opportunity to travel throughout Madrid and Barcelona. They have also been accepted to play in Europe's second largest youth soccer tournament, the Donosti Cup in San Sebastian, Spain. While this is an incredible opportunity for these boys, it is a huge undertaking financially. Due to the their close brotherhood that has developed over the past seven years, the players decided that they will only go if they can all go.

As a result, they have spent the last 18 months fundraising (car washes, raffle ticket sales, mowing lawns, trash pickup, etc.) to raise enough funds for each and every player to have the opportunity to travel to Spain. They are now hosting their largest event to date and need your help to get people out there! The Mad River Elite U15 Boys soccer team invites the public to The Elite Dream Brews and Band Night, Friday, Jan. 29 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd. The event features live music by the Undercovers at 8 p.m., Lagunitas beer on tap, local cheese, smoked salmon, local wine and Alma's food truck. Admission is \$5. All ages are welcome, but must be 21 or older to be served alcohol. All proceeds support the Mad River Elite U15 Boys and their Elite Dream trip to Spain to play in the Donosti Cup in San Sebastian, Spain in July. Call (707) 798-1050 or visit Mad River United Elite on Facebook.

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Full STEAM ahead

Educators integrate arts into science, technology, engineering and mathematics education

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Office of Education hosted 270 people from over 10 counties at the region's first STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) conference last weekend, Jan. 8 and 9. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education is more commonly known, but in Humboldt County, there is a conscious effort to integrate the Arts into the mix, hence STEAM.

Of the 270 participants, most were educators ranging from transitional kindergarten to 12th grade, but there was also representation from school administrators, library staff, artists, makers and business and community leaders. The participants were able to hear from two highly regarded keynote speakers over the two-day conference. Dale Dougherty of *Make Magazine* and Maker Media, Inc. and Founder of Maker Faire inspired attendees to "make" their students' education. Dr. Gary Stager, author of *Invent to Learn* spoke about teachers being 21st century learners and translating that to the classroom.

"The keynote speakers were two of the most inspiring people I have met," said Erica Moore, middle school art teacher and Del Norte County arts lead. "The workshops were wonderful because they were hands-on. We got to make so many things

and it was exhilarating. I really wasn't tired after the two days like I normally would be after so much information."

Throughout the conference, attendees were able to select from 27 breakout sessions led by 42 presenters, ranging from visual art, dance, theatre, engineering, spreadsheets, sphericons, making, tinkering, coding, creating film PSAs, robotics, origami and more. The majority of presenters were educators from Humboldt County, but also included representatives from SCRAP Humboldt and The Ink People. There were also presenters from Del Norte, Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

The entire event was catered by Stacy Chatfield's Fortuna High School Culinary Arts class, which received rave reviews and a standing ovation from the conference participants. Stacy Young, Visual & Performing Arts Curriculum specialist and Region 1 arts lead, was thrilled with the turn-out. "I have delivered Regional Art Forums in the past, but generally attendees would be 60 to 70 elementary teachers who already integrate arts in their curriculum," she said. "Having secondary teachers here in STEM subject areas really widened the span with whom we reached."

The next STEAM conference is scheduled for Jan. 6 and 7, 2017. For more information, contact Young at (707) 445-7077. Follow #HumSTEAM on Twitter for pictures and quotes from the event.

Trinidad struggles with vacation rentals

Patrick Evans
MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – Trinidad chose a new mayor at the Trinidad City Council Jan. 13. Former college and high school math teacher Dwight Miller reluctantly accepted the council's decision to elect him to the two-year mayoral term to replace outgoing mayor Julie Fulkerson.

"I came here to enjoy Trinidad and somehow got swept up," he said.

The new mayor is stepping into the position as the debate over an ordinance to limit the number of vacation dwelling units (VDUs) in Trinidad rages on.

The council's moratorium on new applications for VDUs will last until June, at which point the council may vote to extend the moratorium until June 2017.

However, the council will not be able to extend the moratorium a further time, and if the current ordinance is not amended, the city will have to accept new VDU applications.

Kathleen Lake and a few of her fellow Trinidadians spoke out against non-owner occupied VDUs at the meeting and delivered a packet of let-

ters from Lake and Tom Davies. They argued against the current plan to create a cap on the number of VDUs allowed under the municipal code, and said that instead the city should enforce current municipal codes, which require VDUs to be owner-occupied.

The VDU ordinance will be under further discussion at a meeting of Trinidad's planning commission today, Jan. 20.

Transient Occupancy Tax
Trinidad's annual tax on VDUs brought in about \$115,000 in 2015. Since 2013, the city council has directed 10 percent of the Transient Occupancy Tax, about \$11,500 this year, to the Trinidad Library, Trinidad Museum and Trinidad Chamber of Commerce. The chamber of commerce receives 60 percent, the museum 30 percent and the library 10 percent. The Trinidad Arts Council and Land Trust are also seeking a percentage of the funding.

Storm water
Trinidad is seeking a grant to expand its stormwater management project. The project would build rain gardens in three locations to funnel stormwater into the city's groundwa-

ter. However, the project will also seek to mitigate further damage caused by groundwater runoff to the Tsurai village site and Trinidad's crumbling cliffsides.

Vandalism
Some wayward rapsallions have been breaking windows of cars parked in front of the Trinidad tennis courts and using the Town Hall bathroom as a canvas for their artistic expression. The council hopes to install security cams and catch these vandals in the act.

Trinidad to Clam Beach Run
Trinidad's annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run is just around the bend, scheduled for Feb. 6. The route will be a bit different this year with the closing of Stagecoach Road. See *Trinidad Tidings* on page B4.

Construction plans for Edwards Street
The city hopes to build road improvements on Edwards Street and Van Wycke. Plans include sidewalks and paths along the ocean side of the streets.

The city will hold meetings this year to hear community feedback on the proposed construction.

CR student athletes achieve off the field

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS
HUMBOLDT – Even with the effort it takes to keep high GPAs, make progress towards a degree or certificate and balance a challenging practice schedule each semester, several student athletes drive themselves even more.

The College of the Redwoods Athletic Department announced its 2015 Fall Semester Honor Roll and 83 of 203 student athletes (41 percent) were able to attain a minimum 3.0 grade point average, the largest number and highest percentage since tracking began in 2005. Twenty-three student athletes attained the level of President's Honor list with a 3.75 or higher grade point average and 12 made the Vice President's Honor list with grade point averages between 3.5 and 3.74.

"These latest figures are confirmation of our commitment to support academic achievement," said CR Interim President Keith Snow-Flamer. "The academic successes of our student athletes are a tribute to our coaches, counselors, academic support staff and the student athletes themselves.

Exemplary teams with a high percentage of student athletes on the Honor Roll are: baseball (47 percent of the team); women's basketball (50 percent); women's soccer (50 percent); softball (57 percent) and volleyball (40 percent). The football team had its largest number of Honor Roll students since 2005, with 26 students, or 36 percent of the team.

"This improvement is largely due to the support afforded our students in the Cap and Gown supervised tutoring program," said CR Dean of Health, PE & Athletics Joe Hash. "We would like to thank CR Counselor Dr. Matt McCann, as well as Julia Peterson and her staff at Community and Economic Development for all of their efforts in establishing this successful program."



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A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

I WOULD DID WALK 500 MILES Anderson on day 29 in Sarria. PHOTO BY R'DELLE ANDERSON

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – R'Delle Anderson came home from her journey on her 60th birthday. She had completed a 500-mile walk across the Pyrenees, from France to Spain, along the pilgrim path known as the Camino de Santiago or the Way of St. James.

"What was surprising to me," Anderson said, "is that I was the average age on the Camino. There were lots of people in their 70s and even 80s." That's heartening to those of us who have always wanted to walk the traditional pilgrim's path, and thought that it might be too late.

People have been making the pilgrimage, which ends at the shrine of St. James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, since the 11th century. With the recent focus on the Camino in popular media — books, television documentaries and films — the number of walkers has swelled to over 100,000 a year. Some start their journey in the far points of Europe and some, Anderson saw, come in buses for the last 100 miles.

"I was walking and I saw a woman in short shorts, stiletto heels and a little purse slung over her shoulder," she said. She couldn't have come far in that outfit.

Most pilgrims focus on their foot-

gear with many strong opinions voiced on the choice of hiking boots. Anderson stunned other walkers with her bare, painted toenails and sandals.

Why sandals? Anderson has had back problems since she was 11. She had extensive back surgery when she was 30. "When I moved to Humboldt County in 1999," she explained, "I discovered that the one time my back didn't hurt was when I was walking on the beach. By chance, I found an MBT (Masai [sic] Barefoot Technology) catalog that described sandals that were like walking on the beach." Anderson has been wearing that brand of sandals ever since.

Anderson differed from other hikers in substance as well as style. She was on her way early every morning, while most other hikers got a later start. "Every morning I had to stretch a lot in order to walk," she said. She drank a protein shake and "was on the trail by first light or before."

And she was often alone. "I had the trail to myself. I'd go four or five hours without seeing another living being." When she did see other walkers, they usually went past her. "Ninety percent of the time I walked alone. My pace was slow. My walk was very indigenous to me," Anderson said.

She's quick to say, "I'm not an athlete." Yet she completed the 500

miles in 33 days. "On the last day my trek poles broke. The only blister I got was on my thumb from the pole."

Anderson trained with a 40 lb. pack in the Arcata Community Forest before leaving Humboldt County. But once on the Camino, she realized that it was too heavy. She solved the problem by mailing supplies to herself in towns that she would reach along the way. Her pack was reduced to 25 lbs.

Still, the journey was no walk in the park. Anderson had times of exhaustion and despair, but the kindness of the people in Spain lifted her spirits many times. When her package of replacement sandals went astray in the Spanish postal system, two hotel employees spent three hours on the phone, making calls and tracing the lost package.

Other people overwhelmed her with their kind acts, helping her when she was lost or with reservations, offering her food, and blessing her. One woman refused payment for a meal and told her, "I want you to feel welcome." "When they knew you were walking the Camino, they were so kind," she recalled.

Every town's church had pilgrim services, Anderson explained. "But they were at nine o'clock at night and I was usually asleep. I did go to one, where they gave us a beautiful cross. The priest told us, 'Your work is take care of each other. If you see someone on the path in trouble, ask how you can help'."

Anderson was of help to many. "I took tons and tons of energy bars, which I ended up giving away," she said. "I was in a restaurant with a young couple who told me they had been very sick. Some woman gave them energy bars that were the only food they could keep down. I laughed and laughed, because those were the energy bars I had given to her."

She took over 3,000 photographs. "I remember taking every picture, I remember what I was feeling when I took each one," she said.

Anderson will give a talk and slide show about her experience on the Camino at the Trinidad Library on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. There is no charge. For more information, call (707) 677-0227.



MADAM FLO Carol Ryder performs.

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HUMBOLDT LIGHT OPERA COMPANY

SUNNY BRAE – Before there was *The Voice*, there was Florence Foster Jenkins. The life of this remarkable woman is captured in Humboldt Light Opera Company's (HLOC) production of *Souvenir – A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins* presented Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from Jan. 22 to 31.

This delightful production, directed by Brad Curtis, will take place in the intimate setting of HLOC's new venue, The SPACE, 92 Sunny Brae Center, Arcata.

Dubbed by her critics as the "Dire Diva of Din," Jenkins, a real life socialite, believed herself an opera diva of the highest caliber, when in fact she couldn't hit a single note on key. Despite a significant hearing loss from mercury poisoning when she was a young woman, despite discouragement from her family and ridicule from some of the public, Jenkins' great and deep love for music never waned.

At the age of 76, she realized her childhood dream of singing to a sold-out house in Carnegie Hall.

Souvenir, written by Stephen Temperley, not only evokes the effervescence of a remarkable lady, but also challenges our preconceptions of what music is. It is also a heartfelt look at the limits of self-perception and the unpredictable nature of friendship.

HLOC Artistic Director Carol Ryder will portray the colorful diva with her faithful accompanist Cosme McMoon, played by Kevin Richards.

Tickets are \$20, with the proceeds going towards programs at the Sunny Brae Performing Arts Center for Education and are available online at hloc.org or at Holly Yashi in Arcata. Seating is very limited, so advanced reservations are strongly suggested. info@hloc.org, (707) 822-3319

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE

EUREKA – The North Coast Repertory Theatre (NCRT) continues its 32nd season with the hilarious musical comedy *Das Barbecue* with book and lyrics by Jim Luigs and music by Scott Warrender. The production opens Thursday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. and runs until Feb. 20.

Wagner's *Ring Cycle* is spun as a witty Texas fable with six actors playing more than 30 outrageous characters at break-neck speed. Songs run the gamut from Broadway to Texas swing, from jazz to twangy country and western. Mismatched lovers who meet on the day of their shotgun double wedding, three generations of feuding families, a magic ring of power, Wild West lariat tricks, a synchronized swimming revue, a song-and-dance tribute to the joys of guacamole and the sweetest two-step ever to slide across a stage add up to wild comedy.

The production is directed by Chris Hamby. "The special thing about this production is that there are so many preexisting pop culture references to Wagner's *Ring Cycle* and many people don't realize it," said Hamby. "In seeing this show, we hope more people will recognize and understand where these references come from.



STURM UND DRANG, Y'ALL Cara O'Daniel, Jeremy Webb, Haley Katz and Warren Hardison ham it up in *Das Barbecue*, opening this week at NCRT.

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Also, the sheer magnificence of a script laced with fast-paced comedy, dwarves, giants, then sprinkled with a little romance and magical adventure, is hard to resist for

anyone of a fun-loving nature. This western farce has everything from original music numbers and Texas Line Dances, to a wide variety of unique and fun characters, all

played by only six actors. This show is fun for the whole family."

The cast includes Cara O'Daniel, Elizabeth Erenberger, Reen Savage, Warren Hardison, Jeremy Webb and Mike Craghead. Scenery and lighting designs are by Jared Sorensen; costume design by Laura Rhinehart. Sara Krause stage-manages the production.

Das Barbecue opens at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21 with an opening night gala that includes a champagne reception after the show. This performance will also serve as a benefit for the cast and crew. All seats for opening night are \$18.

The performance on Friday, Jan. 22 benefits the United Congregational Christian Church; tickets are \$20. The performance on Saturday, Jan. 23 benefits Temple Beth El; tickets are \$25.

The run continues Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 20 with one additional regular Thursday performance on Feb. 18. All evening performances begin at 8 p.m. There will be three matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Sundays Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and 14. NCRT is located at 300 Fifth St., Eureka. Regular ticket price is \$18. For reservations, group rates or more information, call (707) 442-NCRT (6278). ncrt.net

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On the evils of milk bags, Tetra Paks and the ‘Star Wars Holiday Special’

When I was a kid, my family drank a lot of milk. Scratch that, as the only things I can remember my dad drinking were black coffee in the morning, Labatt 50 after work and a nice cuppa tea in the evening. (OMG, I have turned into my dad.) But my mom, my brother and I were die hard lactophiles.

Growing up in Montreal, that meant a lot of milk bags. A product that is unique to eastern Canada, a milk bag is a rectangular clear plastic bag adorned with nothing but an expiration date and containing, you guessed, milk. They came three to a package, inside a larger plastic bag, making up four litres of milk.

I think now, with guilt, of all those rectangular milk bags floating in an oceanic gyre like schools of oddly symmetrical jellyfish.

I drank lots of milk well into my college years, when, after some ongoing unpleasantness, alarming weight loss and numerous medical tests (yay, single-payer healthcare!), I was diagnosed with pretty severe lactose intolerance. So, no more milk. No ice cream. No cheese. No yogurt. No cheesecake. No Nutella. So sad.

Well, there are always milk alternatives, right? Nut milks, soy milk, rice milk.

Unfortunately, though, these are usually packaged in Tetra Paks, those rectangular cardboard-y boxes with some type of plastic spout. My feeling about Tetra Paks is very much like George Lucas’ feeling about the *Star Wars*



Holiday Special: if I had the time and a sledgehammer, I’d get rid of all of them.

Hi, my name is Lauraine and I’m termentumphobic. Which I think means “fear of trash,” though my friend John John John the Latin professor is probably shuddering right now.

My household has been on a mission in the past few years to drastically reduce the amount of packaging we bring into the house and thereby virtually eliminate the amount of trash that goes out of it. Having achieved moderate gains in our zero waste effort, we’ve resolved this year to try to eliminate all plastic packaging. We’ve learned that a huge percentage of plastic packaging that goes in a recycling bin ends up in a landfill (or, yikes, the ocean) anyway, and that recycling plastics releases a lot of carbon. Packaging like Tetra Paks, which combine paper, plastic and metal, require very specialized facilities to reclaim, and most wind up in our environment. So we’re heading it off at the pass.

I started off by making my own rice milk in the crock pot, but that requires planning ahead, a task at which even I, usually so Type A, occasionally fail. I avoided making nut milk after watching a roommate toil to make almond milk. There was soaking and cheesecloth and hanging things to drip and it was just a daunting mess.

Then, one day I was watching *Cutthroat Kitchen* and a contestant made instant nut milk by dropping a handful of almonds and some water in a blender and hitting a button. That was it. Even the celebrity chef judges were floored. Could it really be so simple?

Almond milk made easy

Put half a cup of whole almonds in your blender. If you want to soak them in water overnight, feel free. Blend until they’re powder, but not butter yet. Add one-and-a-half cups of water. Blend some more (I like the “liquefy” setting for this). This yields two cups of almond milk.

Now, if I’m using this in soups, sauces or baked goods (a straight-up one-to-one substitution for milk), I just use it as is, with the almond grit adding texture and extra nutrients. But if you’re going to drink this, I strongly suggest straining out the almond grit unless you like interestingly-textured hot chocolate. I use a fine sieve. Any unused almond milk will keep in your fridge for a few days.

But then what to do with the almond grit?

Your new best friend, fauxtella

This is where things get awesome. When you strain your almond milk, you’ll end up with a little less than half a cup of wet almond grit. Put it back in the blender. Add a tablespoon of powdered cocoa and a tablespoon (or to taste) of sweetener (I use agave nectar). Blend it up for a bit; the longer you blend, the smoother it will be. Then take your blender apart to get at all the resulting mixture. This is best served in bed while watching Netflix.

Lauraine reminds you that you can get all the ingredients for this two-fer delight in the bulk sections of your local co-op, natural food store or supermarket of choice. Bring your own containers when shopping in bulk, for bonus virtue points.

PINTS FOR NONPROFITS Drink up at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **today, Jan. 20**, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits the V-Day Humboldt.

SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT Catch the *Night Tide* (1961) and other psychronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Jan. 20** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Sailor Johnny (Dennis Hopper) falls in love with carnival girl Mora (Linda Lawson), despite warnings that the mermaid performer is a “jinx” who has brought about the deaths of two previous suitors. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT Humboldt Literacy Project and the Eureka Main Library present Family Literacy Night featuring Paul Woodland **today, Jan. 20** at 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Main Library, 1313 Third St. Join your friends and neighbors at the library for an evening with this energetic and hilarious teller of tales! Woodland’s engaging stories of animals and other aspects of the natural world will delight and entertain the whole family. Family Literacy Night is a monthly program that centers family fun around the joy of reading. Each child in attendance will receive a free book, donated by Tin Can Mailman, at the end of the presentation. Library programs are free and accessible to people with disabilities; contact the library if assistance is required. For more information, call (707) 269-1910 or visit humlib.org. Family Literacy Night is sponsored by First Five Humboldt and Humboldt Literacy Project. For more information about Humboldt County’s only source for free, confidential, one-on-one

literacy tutoring for adults, call Humboldt Literacy Project at (707) 445-3655.

THINK GLOBALLY, SING LOCALLY Folks who love to sing are invited to the Song Circle **today, Jan. 20** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, 1675 Chester Ave. in Sunny Brae, Arcata. Hosted by Seabury Gould, folk songs and other songs conducive to group singing are sung in an informal and fun setting. Admission is free and all ages are welcome. The Song Circle is a Humboldt Folklife Society event happening the third Wednesday of almost every month. (707) 845-8167, seaburygould.com

MOKKA INTERNATIONAL The Last-Minute Men play international tunes on **Friday, Jan. 22** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

WINTER BOOK SALE Join the Friends of the Arcata Library (FOAL) for their winter book sale, **Saturday, Jan. 23** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Arcata Library Conference Room, 500 Seventh St., behind City Hall. The sale includes books and media for all ages and interests: literary and genre fiction, science and foreign language, religion and history, cooking and crafts, and books for kids and teens! All proceeds support the Arcata Library through special events, collection purchases, furniture and tech upgrades and more. For details about the sale or making a donation, call the Arcata Library at (707) 822-5954.

GRANGE DANCE The Bayside Grange #500 and Kenny Ray and the Mighty Rovers invite you to an all-ages Community Dance on **Saturday, Jan. 23** at the Bayside Grange, corner of Jacoby Creek and Old Arcata roads. Doors open at 6:30

p.m. with beverages, dinner, and snacks available for purchase. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8/\$5 for students/free for kids under 12 years of age. (707)822-9998, admin@baysidegrange.org, baysidegrange.org, facebook.com/baysidegrange

DERBY CRAZY LOVE Join Humboldt Roller Derby for its 2016 Season Kickoff Celebration **Saturday, Jan. 23** at 7 p.m. at the Eureka Theater, 612 F St. All ages are welcome to join for an evening with your favorite local skaters! For just \$12 you’ll get a seat to watch the cutting edge roller derby documentary *Derby Crazy Love*. There will be a silent auction, raffles, and yummy snacks and cocktails for sale. Tickets are available through brownpapertickets.com.

MOKKABRITZA Chubritza plays Eastern European tunes on **Saturday, Jan. 23** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

MAKING PEACE WITH YOUR PAST A Vietnamese refugee who left Saigon hours before the capital fell will share the story of her escape and later return to Vietnam at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, Jan. 24** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Making Peace With Your Past: A Vietnamese Refugee’s Journey,” features a filmed interview with Binh Rybacki, the founder of Children of Peace International, a charity helping orphans in Vietnam. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, bobdipert@hotmail.com, lifetreecafe.com

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL JD Jeffries perform at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, **Sunday, Jan. 24**, at 5 p.m.

Poetry Out Loud at the Morris Graves

HUMBOLDT ARTS COUNCIL

EUREKA – The Humboldt Arts Council invites you to attend the county’s Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka, on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m.

Students from Eureka High, McKinleyville High, Mattole Valley Charter, Pacific View Charter and Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy will take the stage. These talented students will compete along with thousands of other high school students across the state for the opportunity to move on to February’s state finals in Sacramento on the floor of the Capitol Building.

Poetry Out Loud is an annual national contest in partnership with the California Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. It begins at the classroom level, integrating into high school literary curricula while providing students with an opportunity to master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. The ultimate goal of Poetry Out Loud is to restore the energy and spirit of this ancient performance art while bringing history to life.

Each student will be reciting two poems of their choice from the *Poetry Out Loud Anthology*, which includes thousands of pre-20th century to contemporary poems by a variety of world renowned poets. State champions receive \$200, an all-expenses-paid trip with one adult to Washington D.C. to compete in Nationals and \$500 towards the purchase of poetry books for their school. The national champion receives a \$20,000 award and a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books for their school.

poetryoutloud.org

| CALENDAR | VENUE | WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20 | THURSDAY, JAN. 21 | FRIDAY, JAN. 22 | SATURDAY, JAN. 23 | SUNDAY, JAN. 24 | MONDAY, JAN. 25 | TUESDAY, JAN. 26 |
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| | Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata | 6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night | | 8 p.m. <i>The Punisher</i> (2004) | | 11:55 a.m. AFC 3:40 p.m. NFC | | |
| | Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake | | 9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard | 9 p.m. The Getdown | 9 p.m. Roadmasters | 9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard | | |
| | Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad | all day Free pool | | 9 p.m. DJ Duo Pressure Anya | 9 p.m. • Jimi Jeff & The Gypsy Band | 8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv | 8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney | 8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv |
| | Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata | | | 9:30 p.m. • The Human Experience | 8 p.m. Soul Night #51 | 9 p.m. • Bright Light Social Hour | | |
| | The Jam 915 H St., Arcata | 9 p.m. • Whomp Whomp Wednesday | 9 p.m. The Undercovers | 9 p.m. Club Triangle | 9 p.m. • JellyBread w/ Object Heavy | | | 8 p.m. Comedy Night |
| | Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata | | 7 p.m. Claire Bent | 7 p.m. TBA | 7 p.m. Jim Silva | | | 7 p.m. Buddy Reed |
| | Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake | 7 p.m. • Cribbage Tournament | 8 p.m. Trivia Night | 9 p.m. TBA | 9 p.m. Strix Vega | 6 p.m. Potluck dinner | all day Free pool | all day Ping pong |
| | Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake | all day Pints for Nonprofits | 6 p.m. • Compost Mountain Boys | 6 p.m. Cadillac Ranch | 6 p.m. Wild Otis | | | 6 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz |
| | Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata | | 8 p.m. The Gold Brothers | | 8 p.m. LaPatina Band | | | 7 p.m. • La Musique Diabolique |
| | Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville | | 8 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass | | | 8 p.m. Trivia Night | 8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv | |

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Local poets provide a place to connect and more than one reason to listen

Sarah E. Isbell
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – In the aptly-named Siren’s Song Tavern, poets snap their fingers in ‘60s beatnik style to moments of poignant expression, encouraging each other and sharing their work and artistic performances. It’s the monthly Humboldt Poetry Slam, the labor of love of two local poets, Therese FitzMaurice and Vanessa Pike-Vrtiak.



Vanessa Pike-Vrtiak

FitzMaurice came up with the idea for the Accident Lab, now Humboldt Poetry Slam, over a dozen years ago while attending poetry classes at College of the Redwoods. On the first Thursday of every month at the Siren’s Song Tavern in Old Town Eureka, local poets now have the opportunity to perform or read their poetry to an accepting audience. Over time, FitzMaurice’s idea grew into so much more, so she enlisted the help of fellow poet Pike-Vrtiak. With a music DJ and live painters, the monthly slam has become its own well-attended scene, but it wasn’t always so.

“We struggled with attendance for a long time,” said Pike-Vrtiak. “People would show up late. I don’t think they thought we were credible. And even on the national scene, we’ve struggled with that. And I don’t know if it’s because we come from a cannabis community. But it’s taken a long time for us to become credible and I think we still struggle with that in our local community with the open mic scene.”

What turned the tide was becoming part of the National Poetry Slam, a performance poetry competition that attracts poets from around the world. “What has made us credible is doing these national competitions,” Pike-Vrtiak said. “We really encour-

age poets to push themselves. And to break the intimidation.”

Pike-Vrtiak sees live music and live art as “key pieces to the success of the local scene.” She said, “I think what’s special about this scene is it’s very interactive between the audience and the poet.”

FitzMaurice added her favorite thing about the Humboldt poetry scene is that it nurtures poets and gives them confidence, by providing them a safe place to perform their poetry, perfect their craft, and grow as writers – sentiments she’s heard often from local poets. To young writers and aspiring poets, FitzMaurice offers this simple advice: “sit down and write. And find other writers and let them read what you wrote.”

Both poets are avid readers of other local poets. Pike-Vrtiak recommends the works of Jeremiah Anderson and Emily Adams while FitzMaurice’s favorite local poets are Jerry Martin, Jim Dodge, Dave Holper, Ian McDonald, Erin Davis, Jeremiah Anderson and all of her mentors and

writing professors.

“I’ve come to believe that it’s important to share it,” FitzMaurice said. “I really believe that the muses know when you pass the gift along. And if you’ve received a gift, and you’ve captured it on paper, that the act of sharing it opens up space for the muses to come back.”

To that end, the pair launched A Reason To Listen, a poetry collective site that not only maintains Humboldt County’s connection to the annual National Poetry Slam (in which both poets performed last year) but also conducts poetry workshops and training for local community groups, schools, seniors, and disadvantaged or “at-risk” youth.

Pike-Vrtiak describes the mission of the collective as “to bring poetry to the North



Therese FitzMaurice

Coast, to the schools, to youth, to old people, to anybody that wants to listen.” They offer writing groups, consulting and professional development services to local businesses and community organizations.

Last year, Pike-Vrtiak released her third published poetry collection, *The Compass In Her Blood*, available at Poetry Slam events.

FitzMaurice is in the midst of releasing her third poetry book, *How To Love This Woman*. Her poetry is inspired by nature and the Mad River, which she describes as two of her favorite and most fruitful poetic muses. Her official book release event will be Saturday, Feb. 6 at The Jam, 915 H St. in downtown Arcata, and will feature poetry performances by FitzMaurice and others, and music and dance performances by a very talented cast of friends. Tickets for the event are \$10.

You can read and hear some of their poems and public performances at areasontolistens.com.

I Have Returned

There are communities in vibrant valleys with desert landscapes and prairies that whisper in the wind. They dream of the milk and honey that drains from the soft folds of mountains that undress themselves for us. We know in all our imperfections that we are incredibly lucky to live in one of the few cities left to really see the stars.

They still speak to us here.

When you look them in the eyes
they waltz on our freckles
they kiss our skin like they remember
we were once one of them.

– Vanessa Pike-Vrtiak

Something fishy is going on in Humboldt County

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The Mad River Alliance presents the third annual Humboldt Steelhead Days (HSD) from Friday, Jan. 22 through Feb. 6. HSD is the largest winter steelhead celebration on the North Coast and aims to promote steelhead angling opportunities in the Trinity, Mad and Eel rivers with fishing, educational events, expos, entertainment and food tastings happening throughout Humboldt County.

‘The River, Our Home’

“The River, Our Home” is a collaboration among the Mad River Alliance, the Wiyot Tribe of Table Bluff Reservation and Dell’Arte International to celebrate the Baduwa’t (Mad) and Wiya’t (Eel) rivers.

“The River, Our Home” 2016 encompasses performances and events throughout the year. Steelhead Days marks the kick-off of this collaboration, which also offers the opportunity to share aspects of Wiyot culture with the general public and inspire Wiyot youth and adults with their own cultural legacies. Lynnika Butler, the Language Project Manager

for the tribe, will work with Dell’Arte staff to include event signage in Wiyot during the annual Steelhead Days festivities.

Kick-off parties

Swim on over to Mad River Brewing Company, 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, on Friday, Jan. 22 to sign up to compete in the 16-day Humboldt Steelhead Days. Cadillac Ranch plays at 6 p.m.

There’s more partying from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at a kick-off/opening reception at Coho Cottages, 76 Willow Rd. in Willow Creek, co-hosted by the Willow Creek Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy complimentary food and beverages and learn about all the fun events that make up Steelhead Days in Willow Creek and all around Humboldt County.

‘Fish Tales III’

Fish Tales III makes a splash in the Carlo Theatre once again on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Dell’Arte International and the Mad River Alliance, *Fish Tales* is a family-friendly variety show featuring local string band Kingfoot in an underwater world bubbling

with storytelling, music and comedy.

Last year sold out, so get your tickets early! Tickets are \$10/\$5 for kids 12 and under/free with Steelhead Days registration. Space is limited, so reservations are highly recommended. Steelhead Days registration does not guarantee a seat, so call the Dell’Arte Box Office at (707) 668-5663 ext. 5 to make reservations.

Steelhead Expo

The Humboldt Steelhead Expo reels it in Saturday, Jan. 23 at the Blue Lake Business Park. From 1 to 4 p.m., Dell’Arte International and the Mad River Alliance present free workshops and demonstrations led by local experts in the Dell’Arte studios at 101 Taylor Way, for families who

want to learn how to fish.

Other activities include arts and crafts, local vendor booths, music, games and face painting.

Fishy fun in Willow Creek

There’s something fishy in Willow Creek on two Saturdays, Jan. 23 and 30.

On Jan. 23, learn how to leave the water in the rivers and streams to support a healthy fishery by capturing rainwater for domestic and agricultural purposes at a free Rainwater Catchment Workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dream Quest Permaculture Demonstration Garden, 100 Country Club Dr.

The following Saturday, Jan. 30, return for a free workshop on Landscaping for Drought. From 10 a.m.



to 1 p.m., Dan Mar of High Tide Permaculture offers techniques for responsible gardening.

On both Saturdays at 2 p.m., enjoy fishy stories and snacks at the free Story and Craft Hour at the Willow Creek Branch of the Humboldt County Library, just off the Corner of Highway 299 and Highway 96.

Save your hungries for the Farm-to-Table Dinner at China Creek Cottages, 40526 Highway 299, Willow Creek starting at 5 p.m. Hosted by Marc and Linda Rowley and prepared by Guest Chef Sam Lippman, the evening promises to be a fabulous sampling of the bounties that the Trinity River area offers, including local meats, fish, cheeses, fruits, vegetables and wines.

Seating is extremely limited, \$100 per person. Find ticket information at facebook.com/mountaincommunityandculture.

On Jan. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m., there is a free screening of the film *The Waters of These Mountains* followed by a discussion panel featuring rivers and fisheries experts.

Later that day, the Willow Creek VFW Hall hosts a Community Dance and Dinner. Enjoy live music, good food and great community. Cocktails start at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m. with Seeds and Soil and the Compost Mountain Boys. Tickets are \$15, available at Dream Quest and Farmer Brown’s in Willow

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EUREKA — Since 2007, Eureka Brake & Automotive has held an Annual Canned Food Drive to aid those in need during the holiday season. This year, Eureka Brake collected and donated over 200 pounds of nonperishable food items. Past participants of this event have become rather fond of the tradition because Eureka Brake always draws one person to win either a new set of tires or any other services up to \$500 in value. Old Town Auto Service chose to hold the same drawing as a way to show appreciation to its generous food donors.

This year, the winners were Lori Green and Genevieve Reilly. Lori and her family are long-time friends of Eureka Brake & Automotive and Genevieve has been a loyal customer of both Eureka Brake and Old Town Auto Service for many years.

Steve Cunningham, owner of both Eureka Brake & Automotive and Old Town Auto Service says, “We enjoy giving back to the community and our loyal customers during the holiday season. I feel fortunate that we are able to expand our impact on the community by involving both shops this year.”

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HUMBOLDT SPAY/NEUTER NETWORK

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt Spay/Neuter Network is on a mission to reduce the numbers of unwanted dogs and cats in Humboldt County. The grassroots, volunteer-run organization helps pet owners find affordable spaying and neutering and provides financial assistance for pets of low-income people and for stray and feral cats. They work with local veterinary clinics and also operate a low-cost spay/neuter clinic for cats in Eureka.

“Every year, thousands of puppies and kittens are born that will never find loving homes,” said Jennifer Raymond, a director of the organization. “It is a real tragedy, and one that can be easily prevented by spaying and neutering pets.” Raymond added that the group spayed and neutered more than 2,000 dogs and cats in 2015, “and we want to do even more in 2016!”

The group is ringing in 2016 with a Beat the Heat campaign, offering special pricing to encourage people to spay and neuter their pets before they go into heat. “Animals don’t wait for spring to begin breeding,” said Raymond, “and people are caught off-guard when their cats and dogs go into heat in January and February.” Raymond encourages people to spay and neuter their pets now, before the breeding begins.

The group encourages pet owners to spay and neuter their animals when they are young, adding that kittens can be safely spayed when they are two months old, and puppies when they are four months. The surgery is easier, and the animals recover more quickly when they are younger, according to Raymond. Early spaying and neutering prevents unwanted litters, since kittens and puppies are capable of breeding when they are as young as five months of age.

The group offers special Beat the Heat! prices for spaying cats at their low-cost clinic in Eureka, and special pricing for dogs at participating veterinary clinics. Additional financial assistance is available for spaying and neutering pets of low-income people as well as for stray and feral cats. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (707) 442-SPAY (7729). spayhumboldt.org

OUTER MUSIC IN ART SPACE The Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka, presents a new music series encouraging and supporting innovative ideas and experiments in sound. The Constellation Music Series opens with a concert featuring Ensemble Economique, Mike Sargent and Thalon Hubbell and the Matthew Rooney Ensemble. Experience avant-garde, minimalist and outer-music Saturday, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. Admission is\$5 to \$10 sliding scale. This series is curated by Benjamin Funke and Programming Assistant Matt Goldberg in partnership with the Morris Graves Museum of Art. If you’re interested in sponsoring this innovative new series, contact Janine Murphy at janine@humboldtarts.org.

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1. Spanish hero

4. Dinner in the sty

8. Root

13. Regal wife

14. Common verb

15. Make laugh

16. Slightly open

17. State

18. Out of ____; cross

19. Place full of basket-pushers

22. Cereal grain

23. Beef Wellington or Chateaubriand

24. Parts from right to left?

26. Cool drinks

29. Trustworthy

32. Carrying a gun

36. Sampras or Seeger

38. Story

39. Use gentle persuasion

40. Evil one

41. Adam’s grandson

42. Leave ____; make the waiter happy

43. Fisherman’s item

44. Valuable possession

45. Erase

47. Jay’s home

49. Make blurry

51. Salad ingredient

56. Knot-tying words

58. Combined

61. Death’s partner, in phrase

63. Pope or Frost

64. Delight

65. Holy receptacle

66. About

67. Men’s nicknames

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69. Kennedy & others: abbr.

70. Baseball bat wood

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1. Louisiana native

2. Not suitable

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8. One who became a president in 1976

9. Type of health care provider: abbr.

10. Poles and others

11. This: Sp.

12. Musical symbol

13. Level a building: var.

20. Word with lip or proof

21. Waters, for one

25. Feeds the kitty

27. Dueling sword

28. Rising time, for some

30. Plum variety

31. Reason to study

32. Place of learning: abbr.

33. Learn by ____; memorize

34. Letter holders

35. Force out

37. Mah-jongg piece

40. Fantasy

44. Tiny particle

46. Kids

48. Virginia and others

50. Speedy

52. ____ Carta

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Fulkerson is done with her run as mayor; now it’s time to prepare for the Trinidad to Clam Beach Run

Julie Fulkerson’s final night serving as Trinidad’s mayor was at last Wednesday’s City Council meeting. She will remain on the City Council while Dwight Miller takes up the mayor’s gavel and Jack West becomes vice mayor.

Experienced with civic duties by having previously served on both the Arcata City Council and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, Julie’s professionalism, problem solving ability and patience have been hallmarks of her tenure since 2012.

New Mayor Dwight Miller has served as vice mayor. His commitment to public service and a spirit of volunteerism are appreciated by the community as well. Jim Baker and David Winnett will continue in their positions so the five council members who have demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and compromise in public meetings will continue to represent Trinidad in a way residents, and those living outside the city limits too, can respect.

One of Mayor Fulkerson’s last duties was to praise 20-year Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) Chief Tom Marquette and TVFD volunteers Jerry Simone, Dick Kieselhorst, Tom Davies, Brett Gregory, Laura Scott, Ben Hawkins, Bryan Buckman and Mike Morgan for their service.

Jerry Simone composed a fascinating slide show of some of the fire department’s work on fighting the recent frightening Patrick’s Point Drive home fire and other structure fires, responding to emergency medical calls, vehicle accidents, stranded hikers on dangerous bluffs, wild land fires and service calls. Last year, there were 72 requests for help. Simone noted the close cooperation with other area fire departments including CalFire, Westhaven Volunteer Fire Department and even Arcata Fire District. To these resourceful, tireless people, area boundaries are not important – calmly solving problems is.

Trinidad to Clam Beach Run Feb. 6

Marion Strong is director of the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Trinidad to Clam Beach Run Honoring Ford Hess, set to take place in any weather on Saturday, Feb. 6. Because of the Stagecoach Road road repair at Mill Creek, the normal route for the three- and eight-and-three-quarter-mile runners will be detoured from Stagecoach Road to Anderson Lane to Patrick’s Point Drive and then south along Scenic Drive (if you’re training, watch for deep potholes and heavy rain-damaged areas), down Moonstone Beach, across Little River, ending at Clam Beach near Strawberry Creek.

The three-mile and eight-and-three-quarter-mile races will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Patrick’s Point Drive just north of Larrupin’ Café. The five-and-three-quarter-mile run will commence at 1:30 p.m. from near the Chevron Station and Janis Court off Patrick’s Point Drive.

Email Marion at trinidadclambeach@gmail.com for information about the race. Or go to trinidadtoclambeach.com to register. Phone contact is (707) 677-1610.

Student Art and Craft Competition

Trinidad School and Big Lagoon School and all other area schools are invited to participate in the California Federation of Women’s Clubs Annual Arts and Crafts Competition on Tuesday, Feb. 9. The event will be held at Trinidad Town Hall starting at 9:30 a.m. All entries must arrive by 9 a.m. unless prior arrangements have been made.

All ages, kindergarten through 12th grade, are welcome to take part. Any theme or medium may be entered. Multiple entries are permissible. Any artwork that was created in the 2015-2016 school year may be submitted. All art must be original. Items larger than 24 inches by 30 inches, or framed, or entries with glass or ones that have been Photoshopped will not be accepted.

For information or to receive an entry form, email Chairman Dana Hope at danahope66@hotmail.com.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

Astro & Sam each seek a fam

This has been a hard week in the rescue world. Surviving in the world of animal rescue is completely dependent on one’s ability to continue to see the small victories.

It can certainly be a wild ride sometimes. Last weekend saw the arrival of 12 dogs at the shelter in one day. That is never a good thing. With one side of the shelter full of adoptable dogs and the other full of dogs still on their legal hold period, the situation can get grim pretty quickly.

Rescue groups (of which Redwood Pals Rescue is one) were notified that any rescue dogs needed to leave or face euthanasia. Once that news hit the airwaves and social media, emails and messages started pouring in to Redwood Pals. I think I have probably answered close to 100 messages, and I’m sure there are many people still thinking that we have ignored their kind offers of help. Hopefully by the end of the day, every message will have received a reply. Thanks to so many offers, we have been able to get all the at-risk dogs out of the shelter and into foster homes.

The week is ending on a happy note, but it is not without concerns about the next time the shelter is full. How can we as a community prevent so many lost, abandoned and unwanted dogs? Microchipping, licenses and ID tags all help lost dogs become quick-

ly reunited with their owners. Animal Control officers will try to reunite dogs before they even get to the shelter if they have current identification.

Spaying and neutering help prevent accidental litters of pups. And don’t believe the line that female dogs should get to have one litter before being spayed! Veterinary science does not support that theory. We see a lot of those puppies at the shelter, and even worse, some of them turn up on Craigslist or at vet’s offices where the owners are asking to have them euthanized. Horrible, but true.

Support your local shelters and animal rescue groups by adopting, volunteering and donating when you can. Okay, rant over.

While I should have been writing my column (earlier today), Oseola, the Akita mix from last week’s Dogtown, was being adopted from the shelter. And the people saw him here! That is very encouraging to this amateur writer. Those adorable small-breed pups from last week are still available, however.

Redwood Pals is working with the shelter to find this gentle 8-year-old female German Shepherd mix, Sam, a foster home where she can recuperate from heartworm treatment. Fostering this dog would mean providing her with a temporary home for the duration of her treatment,

about four to six weeks. She should not be engaged in active play, so either a home without other dogs or a home where she would be kept separate from other dogs is best. All medical expense is covered by the shelter. The foster family gets the pleasure of her friendly company without the commitment of owning their own dog. If you think that you might like to do this, or want more information, please contact Redwood Pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707) 839-9692.

And I can’t resist putting in this photo of our 10-month-old pup, Astro, who has been featured here before. One of our volunteers took Astro to the beach last weekend. Volunteer Hope reported that he was very nicely behaved in the car and that he loved digging and rolling in the sand, not to mention his deep love of belly rubs. This young guy has been at the shelter since September and has probably never been to the beach before. He is a playful, dog-friendly, kid-friendly Lab/Pit mix pup that deserves a chance at a real home. Come meet him at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter today! More info is available at (707) 840-9132.

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PLANNED GIVING The Northern California Association of Nonprofits (NorCAN) invites the public to “Planned Giving: The Essentials” with Craig Wruck on Friday, Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This workshop will equip you to talk with your donors about the basics of charitable gifts planning: the charitable deduction and other incentives built into our tax law, options for how donors can make contributions beyond simply writing a check, and essential planned giving vehicles. Admission is \$55/\$40 for NorCAN members. (707) 442-2993, norcan@hafoundation.org, northerncalifornianonprofits.org

NORCAN MIXER The Northern California Association of Nonprofits (NorCAN) invites the public to their New Year’s Nonprofit Networking Mixer. Join NorCAN, your colleagues, and those connected with the regional nonprofit network on Tuesday, Jan. 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Siren’s Song Tavern, 325 Second St. in Eureka for a free event with snacks. It’s Alive Kombucha, local beers and wines and hearty eats made from local ingredients will be for sale. You never know what opportunities may arise when getting together with an incredible room full of creative people working to make our communities healthier and more vibrant! (707) 442-2993, norcan@hafoundation.org, northerncalifornianonprofits.org

Steelhead | And a fishing contest too

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Pints for Nonprofits

Mad River Brewing Co. holds a Pints for Nonprofits event on Wednesday, Feb. 3. One dollar of every pint sold that day benefits Mad River Alliance Programs.

Awards dinner

The event culminates in an awards dinner on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Sequoia Conference Center in Eureka. There will be a tri-tip dinner with all the fixins, a presentation on the history of fishing in Humboldt, awards and silent and live auctions to put a cap on the two-week event.

Humboldt Steelhead Days is brought to you by California Trout, Dell’Arte International, Humboldt Lodging Alliance, Mountain Community and Culture and a community of sponsors.

Fishing contest

According to its website, Humboldt Steelhead Days doesn’t believe that

hooking and landing steelhead should be a competition, but a little competition for the best photo of that fish is fine. If you win, your name goes up in lights, you score a bunch of cool stuff and they have great photos for next year!

All participants over age 16 must have a valid California Fishing License. Wild steelhead must be released.

Prize Categories include First Fish In and Last Fish In, first, second and third largest fish and a Kids Category for anglers under 16.

Registration for the fishing contest is \$35. For more information and events, visit humboldtsteelheaddays.com or madriverralliance.org. All the proceeds from Humboldt Steelhead Days support river restoration, water education and enhancement programs by Mad River Alliance, California Trout’s Eel River Forum and projects of Mountain Community and Culture group in Willow Creek.

BUSINESS/CUSTOMER SERVICE SEMINAR

Knowing customer service is essential and actually doing something to improve it are two different things. Did you know keeping current customers is cheaper than recruiting new customers? Jean Steel offers her popular customer service workshop at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata, on Friday, Feb. 5. Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and the workshop takes place from 9 a.m. to noon. Steel has a knack for providing information in a humorous and fun way. Her motivational talks and keynotes are in high demand. Interested businesses and colleagues are encouraged to register at brownpapertickets.com/event/2474731. Contact the Arcata City Manager’s Office for registration and event information at (707) 822-5953 or visit cityofarcata.org. Register early to ensure your seat. Cost is \$50 per person and space is limited to 150. For more about Steel, visit happypeoplewin.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00721

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **POSITIVE CHANGE 425 TANGLEWOOD RD. ARCATA, CA 95521**
DYLAN R. LIVINGEARTH 425 TANGLEWOOD RD. ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/DYLAN R. LIVINGEARTH, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 23, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS S. CARNS DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00711

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MOUNTAIN MOBILE PRESSURE WASH 110 ENCHANTED LANE WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573 P.O. BOX 453**
WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
TRINA M. CARDOZA 110 ENCHANTED LANE WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
STEVE C. WILSON 110 ENCHANTED LANE WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership **S/TRINA CARDOZA, GENERAL PARTNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 21, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00697

County of original filing: **HUMBOLDT**
Date of Original Filing: **1/13/06**
File No. **R-1400261**
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KAYAK ZAK’S 115336 HWY 101 TRINIDAD, CA 95570 P.O. BOX 68 ORICK, CA 95555**
MARNA A. POWELL 1720 HUFFORD RD. ORICK, CA 95555
MICHAEL T. POWELL 1720 HUFFORD RD. ORICK, CA 95555
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple **S/MARNA POWELL, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 11, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00720

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **TRILLIUM ACADEMY 1666 27TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521**
KAITAN N. TRIPALDI 1666 27TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/KAITAN TRIPALDI, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 22, 2015
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1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00702

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **R.E. INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS 1899 11TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521**
KYLE GREGORY BOUGHTON 1899 11TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/KYLE GREGORY BOUGHTON, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 15, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS A. ABRAM DEPUTY
1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00736

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **JUJUBEEES 1225 CENTRAL AVE. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**
MEGAN BIERWIRTH 7168 MYRTLE AVE. EUREKA, CA 95503
KYLE COLLINS 7168 MYRTLE AVE. EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership **S/MEGAN BIERWIRTH, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 30, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS M. MORRIS DEPUTY
1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-0002

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **KING KOMPOST 7780 TORGERSOON RD. EUREKA, CA 95503**
MICHAEL T. MENZA 7780 TORGERSOON RD. EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/MICHAEL MENZA, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 04, 2016
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-0008

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **(1) HORTUS & PROPEC-TUS TM PRESERVATION GROUP (2) THE HOUSE ON THE RIDGE TM (3) THE BUNGALOW ON SHAW TM 8750 WILDER RIDGE RD.**

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This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company **S/PETER PROFANT TTEE, MANAGING MEMBER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 06, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS M. MORRIS DEPUTY
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-0013

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **(1) HARVEST BAKED GOODS (2) HARVEST BOTANICALS (3) HUMBLE HARVEST (4) HUMBOLDT BAKED GOODS (5) HARVEST MEDICINALS 2355 CENTRAL AVE. #123 MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 HUMBOLDT HARVEST, INC. 3786049 600 F ST. SUITE 3-900 ARCATA, CA 95521**
This business is conducted by: A Corporation **S/ESTHER BENEMANN, OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 07, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS S. CARNS DEPUTY
1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD ROGER PERKINS CASE NO.: PR1600257

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **DONALD R. PERKINS**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **RAN-DALL B. VASQUEZ** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **RANDALL B. VASQUEZ** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived

notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 21, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: **RANDALL B. VASQUEZ**
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2161 BIG MOUNTAIN ROAD WHITEFISH, MT 59937
530-403-2455
1/6, 1/13, 1/20

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JULIE KAY MILLS CASE NO.: PR160006

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JULIE KAY MILLS**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **JANELL SUE ANGLIN** in the Superior Court of California,

County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: **JANELL SUE ANGLIN** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: February 11, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: **ARTHUR NIELSEN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167**
1/13, 1/20, 1/27

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TORA ROSKJAR REMLER CASE NO.: PR160011

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **TORA ROSKJAR REMLER**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **PAUL EDWARD HARR** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **PAUL EDWARD HARR** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representa-

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Attorney for the petitioner: **ARTHUR NIELSEN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167**
1/20, 1/27, 2/3

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294 Case Name: IVAN WOLFGANG STUGARD Case No.: JV150007

1. To Andrew Nelson and anyone claiming to be a parent of **Ivan Wolfgang Stugard** born on 1/6/2015 at Redwood Memorial Hospital, Fortuna, California.
2. A hearing will be held on March 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether

or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
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Kelly E Sanders, Recorder
The undersigned as trustee under the certain Deed of Trust described below: Original Borrower: **PETER JAMES PROFANT AND ALEXANDRA PROFANT, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS**
Original Trustee: **FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY**
Original Beneficiary: **COAST CENTRAL CREDIT UNION**
Dated: 11/12/1999
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Having received from the beneficiary under said Deed of Trust a written request to reconvey, the undersigned, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and reconvey, without warranty, to the person(s) entitled thereto all right, title and interest now held by the trustee in and to the property described in said Deed of Trust.

TRUSTEE SERVICES INC. S/Jacob A. Hamm, Assistant Vice President State of Washington, County of Kitsap
On 12/29/2015, before me, **MATTHEW J. ORMEROD**, Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared **Jacob A. Hamm** to me known to be the Assistant Vice President of the corporate and acknowledged to me the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath state that he/she is authorized to execute the said instrument. Witness my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year first above written.
S/MATTHEW J. ORMEROD
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington
Residing at Silverdale, Washington.
1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS ARCATA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Arcata School District Board of Trustees, pursuant to Education Code section 5091, provisionally appointed **Carrie Levy** to serve until the next regularly scheduled election, replacing Trustee **Katherine Salinas**, who resigned effective 8/28/2015. These appointments were made on January 11, 2016, regular board meeting.

Unless a valid petition calling for a special election and signed by 1/2 percent of the registered voters of the Arcata School District is filed with the Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools, 901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501, within a thirty-day period, commencing February 11, 2016, these provisional appointments shall be deemed effective as specified in Education Code section 5091.

This notice is posted at three public places within the Arcata School District and published in The Mad River Union, a newspaper of general circulation within the Arcata area.
1/20, 1/27

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY Pursuant to Government Code § 50050, McKinleyville Community Services District is attempting to locate the rightful owners of money currently held in the MCSD General Fund. The account numbers are included in this notice, along with the amount held. If the money is not claimed by March 10, 2016, MCSD will maintain permanent ownership. To claim your property, you may contact MCSD at 1656 Sutter Road, McKinleyville, CA 95519 or 707-839-3251. Valid photo identification will be required to collect unclaimed funds, and it will be matched against our customer information.

| Amount | Customer ID | Check Number |
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| \$26.33 | Λ002 | 24411 |
| \$80.00 | ΛM030 | 24411 |
| \$34.84 | ΛC024 | 24413 |
| \$17.68 | ΛB024 | 25055 |
| \$17.01 | ΛB025 | 25056 |
| \$45.81 | ΛA019 | 25174 |
| \$58.28 | ΛB001 | 25175 |
| \$41.22 | ΛN002 | 25193 |
| \$20.18 | ΛR024 | 25197 |
| \$82.00 | *0021 | 25262 |
| \$59.46 | ΛC009 | 25327 |
| \$42.10 | ΛB032 | 25432 |
| \$18.99 | ΛM040 | 25438 |
| \$100.00 | *0004 | 25453 |
| \$19.69 | *0016 | 25574 |
| \$49.28 | *0017 | 25575 |
| \$59.59 | ΛW002 | 25622 |



CENTER OF ATTENTION Friends of the Dunes offered brunch and tours of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center Saturday, Jan. 9. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



DUNES UP
CLOSE

Attendees, left, roamed the grounds, beholding the results of ongoing restoration efforts as well as recent improvements to the Nature Center. Following coffee and scones, and briefings by Executive Director Pete Bidigare and Facilities Manager John St. Marie, below left, participants set off on an immersive tour of the dunes.



AUDUBON MARSH TRIP Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, Jan. 23**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Carol Wilson in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

BACK TO THE BRAE Join the first Volunteer Trail Stewards Community Forest Work Day of 2016 on **Saturday, Jan 23** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the east end of Margaret Lane at the southern trailhead to the Sunny Brae Forest. Participants will remove non-native plants, do restoration work and repair water-damaged trails. Wear work clothes. New volunteers wel-

come. Rain or shine. Lunch provided. (707) 826-0163, hughes@humboldt.edu

UNTRASHING MANILA Volunteers are needed to help Arcata Sunrise Rotary and Friends of the Dunes clean up trash along State Route 255 in Manila on **Saturday, Jan. 23** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila for a brief safety talk before heading out to pick up trash. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. info@friendsofthedunes.org, (707) 444-1397.

PLANT PULL Help restore the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on **Saturday, Jan. 23** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will remove invasive plants to make room

BEACH POTATO An elephant seal took a siesta on a Trinidad beach Saturday afternoon. "If you ever get a chance to go to Anyo Nuevo [State Park], they put on quite a show," said Ted Halstead. PHOTO BY TED HALSTEAD



SEASIDE SEAL SIESTA



REDWOODS ALL AROUND A circular copse of redwood trees enchants visitors to Sunny Brae Park. They look to be about as old as the 1950s-vintage Sunny Brae subdivision, but who planted them may be information lost to history. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



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Clip 'n' send to Kev's PCT Hike, Mad River Union, 791 8th St. Ste. 8, Arcata, CA 95521

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